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British Air And Naval Aid To Greece

(By Reuter's Military Correspondent)

'PLANES AND MEN sent by air and sea in the recent past to reinforce the R.A.F. in the Middle East should not be long in joining battle with the Italians to protect Greece.'

While the Italian threat to Egypt was the major motive for the steps taken to increase the power of the R.A.F. there, I understand that Italy's latest move was clearly foreseen at the time.

The fact remains that the R.A.F. is now faced with the beginning of its sternest task—fooling, with the British Navy and Army, the Axis drive to the East and the oil that Hitler and Mussolini need so badly.

The necessity to prevent a dispersal of effort which could be used to better effect elsewhere must limit the extent of immediate help that can be given Greece in the air.

Naval Action

All that can possibly be done at once will be done.

The British Navy is almost certain to be the first to answer Greece's call for "certain assistance" and with it will move the Fleet Air Arm.

The Greek air force is modelled on the R.A.F. and equipped with British and French planes. It is sturdy but desperately small.

British fighters have gone to the Near East in a steady stream for some time and heavy bombers could operate from Alexandria, Haifa or Cyprus.

But the offensive like the defensive power of the R.A.F. fighting besides the Greeks, will be immeasurably improved by the use of landing grounds such as in Greece from which medium bombers and fighters could operate against the invader at shorter range.

Greeks Stubborn

Main weight of the Italian attack appears to be directed against Florina, near the principal pass leading out of the Albanian mountains.

Greek troops are resisting stubbornly all along the line and have even advanced at one point into Albania.

The Italians also appear to be making a second thrust towards Epitrus.

Italian troops in Albania are estimated at about 150,000 equipped with 260 tanks.—Reuter.

GREEK WAR BREVITIES

THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE BRITISH G.O.C., MIDDLE EAST, MAJOR-GENERAL A. F. SMITH, WAS DUE TO ARRIVE IN ANKARA, TURKEY, BY AIR YESTERDAY.

Major-General Smith is to have conversations with the Deputy Chief of the Turkish General Staff.

Athens Raid Alarm

A second air raid alarm sounded in Athens at 2.10 yesterday afternoon and lasted 50 minutes. Anti-aircraft guns were in action.—Reuter.

British Assurance

The British Minister in Athens, on instructions from London, will

HITLER
LEAVES
FLORENCE

Hitler, after his meeting with Mussolini, left Florence for Germany at 6 o'clock last evening.—Reuter.

GERMAN AIR LOSS

It was stated authoritatively in London yesterday that German losses in aircraft over Britain during the week ending midnight on Oct. 26, totalled 39, of which at least eight were shot down at night.

British losses were 18 aircraft and nine pilots.—Reuter.

assure General Metaxas, the Greek Premier, that Britain will give Greece all possible assistance in defending herself against the Italian aggression.—Reuter.

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TURKS IN THE WAR? SEA BATTLE OFF CORFU REPORTED

APART FROM VARIOUS ITALIAN AIR RAIDS ON DIFFERENT PARTS OF GREECE DURING THE DAY YESTERDAY, A BELGRADE MESSAGE ALSO REPORTED NAVAL ACTION NEAR CORFU.

Greek and Italian warships are said to have clashed when the Italians tried to occupy Corfu.

There is little reliable news as yet as regards the land operations, but the attack seems likely to be pressed in two places.

The first will probably be from the south end of Albania, in the direction of Janina, which itself would be the main objective.

The other will probably come in the north, possibly first against Kastoria or Florina, near the Yugoslav border, with Salonika as the main objective.

In both places, the Italians will have to overcome mountainous country.

Italian troops have been stationed in Albania for some time and have probably accumulated sufficient ammunition and stores to make them independent of sea communications.

They are thought to comprise some 10 or 11 divisions of about 200,000 men, including one armoured division and one crack "Alpine" division.—Reuter.

Report Not Yet Confirmed

On inquiry at the Turkish Embassy in London, Reuter was informed that no information has been received regarding a report circulating to the effect that Turkey and Italy are at war.

IT WAS OFFICIALLY STATED IN ATHENS THAT GENERAL METAXAS, THE GREEK PREMIER, HAD A 15-MINUTES TELEPHONE TALK WITH THE TURKISH PRESIDENT YESTERDAY, AND ALSO RECEIVED THE BRITISH, YUGOSLAV AND TURKISH MINISTERS IN ATHENS.—REUTER.

LIMITED AIR RAIDS ON BRITAIN

Enemy air activity over Britain yesterday has been on a very limited scale, a few bombs being dropped at scattered points in East Anglia and south-east England.

Casualties appear to be very few, states an Air Ministry communiqué, and very little damage has been done.—Reuter.

FIVE NAZI AIRMEN RESCUED

Five German airmen came ashore in a rubber boat on Sunday night between two East Anglia coast villages.—Reuter.

WEYGAND AT DAKAR

General Weygand arrived at Dakar, Africa, yesterday, says Lyons radio quoted by Reuter.

CHURCH MAGNETS FOR NAZI BOMBS

The Bishop of London stated at the Diocesan Conference yesterday that 32 London churches had been destroyed or rendered unusable by air raids, 47 seriously damaged and very many more less seriously damaged.—Reuter.

HITLER TO TRY AND WIN OVER LEOPOLD?

The belief in Berlin that Hitler may shortly meet King Leopold of the Belgians was reported by the Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm "Tidningen" yesterday. The message adds that neither confirmation nor denial can be obtained. — Reuter.

ITALIAN CAMP STRAFED

A successful attack on an enemy encampment in Abyssinia was announced in a communiqué issued in Nairobi last night.

The communiqué says that on Oct. 26 South African aircraft attacked a military encampment at Maji, Abyssinia, which was bombed and machine-gunned, and scored direct hits on buildings in the target area with heavy bombs, causing fires and large explosions.

Despite heavy A.A. and M.G. fire from the ground all our aircraft were unscathed.

Other units of the South African Air Force carried out extensive reconnaissances on Oct. 25 and 26 but there is nothing to report. — Reuter.

NEW GOVERNOR OF MACAO ARRIVES

Commander Gabriel Maurice Teixeira, the newly appointed in Hong Kong.

ITALY'S FORCE IN ALBANIA

The Italians have now in Albania ten or eleven divisions and some auxiliary troops, numbering 200,000 altogether, Reuter learns in authoritative quarters in London.

Foodstuffs and communications have been prepared in order to avoid reliance on sea communications, and it is known there has been considerable road construction near the frontier in readiness for an advance.

Biggest concentration of troops is at Argyrocastro, and the second largest at Koritza. It would therefore appear that the Italians are planning a double advance, first along a line parallel to the coast and to the west of Janina, with that town as the main objective, and the second from Koritza towards Salonika.

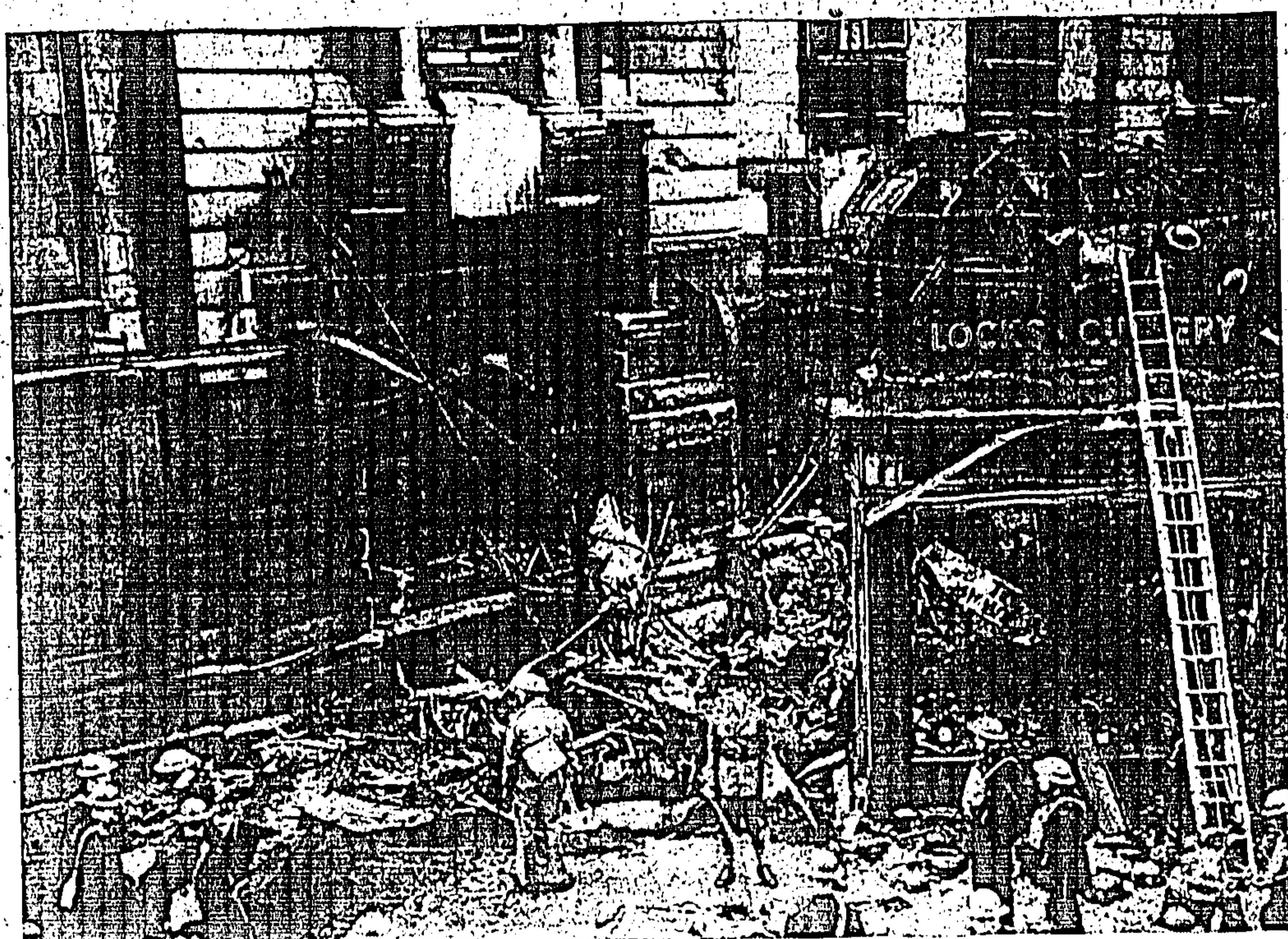
Main Defence Line

The Janina route offers few natural difficulties and is believed to be less strongly defended whereas an advance from Koritza would encounter mountain barriers and the Greek army's main defence line.

On the other hand it would constitute a more formidable threat to Greece.

The Greek land army is a competent fighting force and is likely to give a good account of itself, but it suffers from a shortage of modern equipment while the Greek air force is weak in numbers. — Reuter.

Governor of Macao, arrived in the Colony at 7 a.m. to-day on his way to the Portuguese Colony. He was met and welcomed by Mr. F. P. de V. Soares, acting Portuguese Consul-General.



During a recent raid on London, a German Dornier bomber was brought down in the heart of London. The fuselage and wings fell on a roof top near a Station and the undercarriage fell outside the station. Photo shows all that was left of the German bomber. (Copyright: Fox).

ITALY'S THREE-HOUR ULTIMATUM: GREEK APPEAL TO BRITAIN

GREEK AND ITALIAN forces are now engaged in a battle by land, sea and air, following the Italian attack at dawn yesterday. Greek determination to resist has been shown by many popular demonstrations, carried out even during air-raids, and by the Greek Government's statement that it has full confidence in Britain's response to an appeal for certain assistance.

The authorities have issued instructions to organise A.R.P. and food and water supplies and say that there are ample supplies of food. Hoarding is forbidden.

LAVAL IN CONTROL OF FOREIGN POLICY

FROM VICHY COMES NEWS THAT M. BAUDOUIN HAS RESIGNED FROM THE POST OF FOREIGN MINISTER, AND HE IS NOW TO BE MINISTER OF STATE ATTACHED TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL.

The post of Foreign Minister is being taken over by M. Laval, the Vice-Premier, who is also to control radio services.

M. Laval has now left for Paris for further discussions with the Germans, and will be joined there by General Huntzinger, Vichy Minister of War.

Yesterday morning, following meetings of the Cabinet and the Council of Ministers, a decree was issued forbidding Frenchmen to listen to British broadcasts in public places.

The Governor of Tunisia was informed that no change in the status of his Colony is contemplated. Amongst other things, Tunisia has the important Mediterranean naval base of Bizerte. — Reuter.

When the Italian Minister presented the ultimatum yesterday calling on the Greeks to allow the Fascists to occupy "certain strategic points," General Metaxas asked what these points were.

The Italian Minister had to reply he did not know!

General Metaxas then said that the Italian note represented an ultimatum which the Greek Government took as a declaration of war.

The Italian Minister said that the Italian troops would start moving at 6 a.m.

In addition to receiving the British Minister, General Metaxas also saw the Ministers of Yugoslavia and Turkey and had a 15-minute telephone conversation with M. Inenur, President of Turkey.

The order for general mobilisation and the sending of an appeal to Britain were among the first steps taken. — Reuter.

Imposed But Not Accepted

Fascist reformation of France has merely been outlined, without any "consenting echo" from the people of France, who cling hopefully to British resistance and admire the rebel General de Gaulle.

This statement by the "Popolo d'Italia," the Rome newspaper, was quoted in a cable from the New York "Herald-Tribune" correspondent in the Italian capital yesterday.

The correspondent adds that General de Gaulle has achieved considerable popularity and that the desire of Frenchmen for revenge and hatred for Italy makes her long for the failure of the Italian campaign. — Reuter.

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ITALIAN NOTE

An admission that a Note was presented to the Greek Government in the early hours of yesterday morning was made on the official Italian radio during the afternoon.

No mention was made of any Italian demands on Greece but it was announced that the Note accused Greece of allowing Britain to use naval and air bases in Greek islands and Macedonia, and warned the Greek Government of the "dangers of such a policy." — Reuter.

\$250 REWARD

A reward of \$250 has been offered by the Police for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who killed with a chopper an inmate of the Government Squatters' Camp at Yardine's Lookout in Tathung last Tuesday night.

Empress Of Britain Was Afire From End To End

Nazi'Planes Attack 700 Miles Off The Irish Coast

SURVIVORS FROM THE "EMPEROR OF BRITAIN" WHO WERE LANDED AT A WESTERN ENGLISH PORT ON SUNDAY, DECLARED THE LINER WAS BOMBED 700 MILES OFF IRELAND ON SATURDAY MORNING.

THE KING AND GEN. DE GAULLE

The King recently paid his first visit to General de Gaulle's army of free Frenchmen and spent more than an hour with them at one of their camps in the Southern Command.

The air raids of the early morning began shortly before the King was due to set out, but he arrived punctually, accompanied by General Spears, head of the British liaison mission.

At the camp entrance His Majesty, armed and wearing the ribbon of a Grand Officer of the Legion of Honour—every Frenchman present noticed that—was received by General de Gaulle and the G.O.C. of the area.

It was in no way a full-dress review; the honours rendered were rather those accorded to a distinguished guest. Detachments paraded from all the French units which are resolved to fight on from Britain—marines, artillerymen, tank troops, and, notably, the battalions of the Foreign Legion and crack Chasseurs Alpins who fought at Narvik.

Many others were young students under military age who escaped from France and have since volunteered in London.

The Parade

After inspecting a guard of honour composed of naval ratings and gendarmes wearing their broad blue body belts, the King passed along a line of chenillettes, the tall, handy munition carriers of the French Army, and as he came to the parade ground, trumpets sounded "Aux champs," just as they did when he stepped into barrack square in the Maginot line last winter.

Conducted by a colonel of the Legion and General de Gaulle, holding a head taller, the King inspected the parade, and then took the salute as the men marched past splendidly to the measured strains of "Le Boudin" from the Legion's famous marching band.

Most of the men wore British-style dress, sometimes with the tall pom poms of the French Navy, British steel helmets, or the big hat of the Chasseurs.

His Majesty went into the dining-hall, kitchens, and the men's quarters, and then went over to General de Gaulle's mobile field unit, which served with the French Army in France, and are now running a mobile and emergency hospital in their camp. He talked with General Spears for a few moments, then shook hands with each of the nurses and drivers of the T.C.

Finally, the King was shown a Nazi banner captured by the Legion at Narvik, which hangs in camp headquarters, and took a glass of wine with General de Gaulle before ending a visit that will be the pride of all free Frenchmen.

The enemy aircraft then disappeared but returned and dropped four more bombs, including incendiaries.

A number of people were killed when bombs exploded and some of the ship's lifeboats caught fire and could not be lowered, but as there was little danger of the ship sinking immediately, there was plenty of time for passengers to take to the lifeboats before the liner was completely ablaze from stern to stern.

BULGARIA HOPES TO STAY NEUTRAL!

"Our policy to-day is one of neutrality and definitely there is no reason to believe it will change," declared a Bulgarian diplomat to Reuter in London yesterday.

DE GAULLE DEFENCE COUNCIL

The names of the members of the Council of Defence of the French Empire, appointed by General de Gaulle, were announced in London yesterday as follows:

General Catroux, former Governor-General of Indo-China;

Vice-Admiral Muselier, Commander-in-Chief of the Free French Navy and Air Force;

General de Larminat, Governor-General of Senegal, Equatorial Africa;

The Governor-General of Chad Territory;

General Ulot, Governor-General of French establishments in the Pacific;

General Stee, Army Medical Corps in Africa;

Professor Rene Cassin, former President of the Ex-Servicemen's Association;

The Rev. Father Therrey Argenteuil; and

Colonel Leclerc, Commissioner of the French Cameroons.—Reuter.

The last were taken off some six hours after the attack.

In the meantime there was no panic, women and children calmly obeying instructions to remain below until it was time to leave.

The youngest passenger was a baby boy 11 months old who was strapped to a sailor's back to go down the ladder into the boat.

Rafts Out Of Doors

Captain Charles Sapsworth, the commander, stood on the bridge encouraging his gunners as they battled with the raider until all were killed or wounded and the guns out of action.

Capt. Sapsworth is believed to be among the survivors.

The crew made rafts out of cabin doors in case the boats proved insufficient.

A member of the crew declared the raider machine-gunned passengers after the ship's anti-aircraft guns were out of action.

He praised the women stewards who, he said, behaved marvellously.

Flying Boat Aids

An R.A.F. man repaired the damaged engine of a lifeboat and this was used to tug the heavy lifeboats from place to place, picking up survivors, while a naval officer on board the liner led a party of men through the flames and smoke to lower a lifeboat which saved many lives.

A British flyingboat spotted the blazing liner and brought warships to the rescue.—Reuter.

*** A frequent visitor to Hong Kong on round-the-world voyages, the Empress of Britain was built by John Brown in 1931. Tenth largest vessel in the world (until the Queen Elizabeth was launched) she was of 42,348 tons gross register and was 733 feet long. In 1934, she won the Atlantic "Blue Riband" with a Quebec to Cherbourg voyage of 5 days 6 hours 58 minutes, giving the C.P.R. the proud distinction of being the only shipping company to hold the Ribands of both the Atlantic and the Pacific (held by the Empress of Japan) at the same time.



Home Guard men, taking an intensive course in modern, realistic methods of warfare, are seen here learning how to deal with dive bombers. This picture was taken at Osterley Park, Home Guard training school, where ingenious apparatus has been devised to swing a model bomber down in a realistic dive over the heads of gunners, who "blaze away" at it with their rifles. (Copyright, Fox).

FORMER CHINA SHIP FOUNDERS

THE CANADIAN DESTROYER MARGUREE, WHOSE LOSS IN NORTH ATLANTIC FOLLOWING A COLLISION IN DARKNESS WITH A LARGE MERCHANT SHIP ON OCTOBER 22 WAS ANNOUNCED IN OTTAWA YESTERDAY, WAS FORMERLY H.M.S. DIANA.

She replaced H.M.C.S. Fraser, which sank following a collision during the evacuation of Bordeaux.—Reuter.

*** H.M.S. Diana, was formerly on the China Station, and was a destroyer of 1,375 tons carrying four 4.7 inch guns. She was part of the Defender class, the

CAIRO CHINA SHIP REACTIONS

INFORMED POLITICAL CIRCLES IN CAIRO WERE NOT SURPRISED BY THE ITALIAN INVASION OF GREECE BUT THE NEWS CAME AS A SHOCK TO ORDINARY EGYPTIANS.

Faith in Mussolini's word is no longer felt by Egyptians or foreigners. It is recalled that on Italy's entry into the war Mussolini stressed he had no designs on Yugoslavia, Switzerland, Egypt or Greece.—Reuter.

others being Dainty, Darling, Decoy, Defender, Delight, Diamond and Duchess, all of which were formerly part of the 21st Destroyer Flotilla attached to the China Station.

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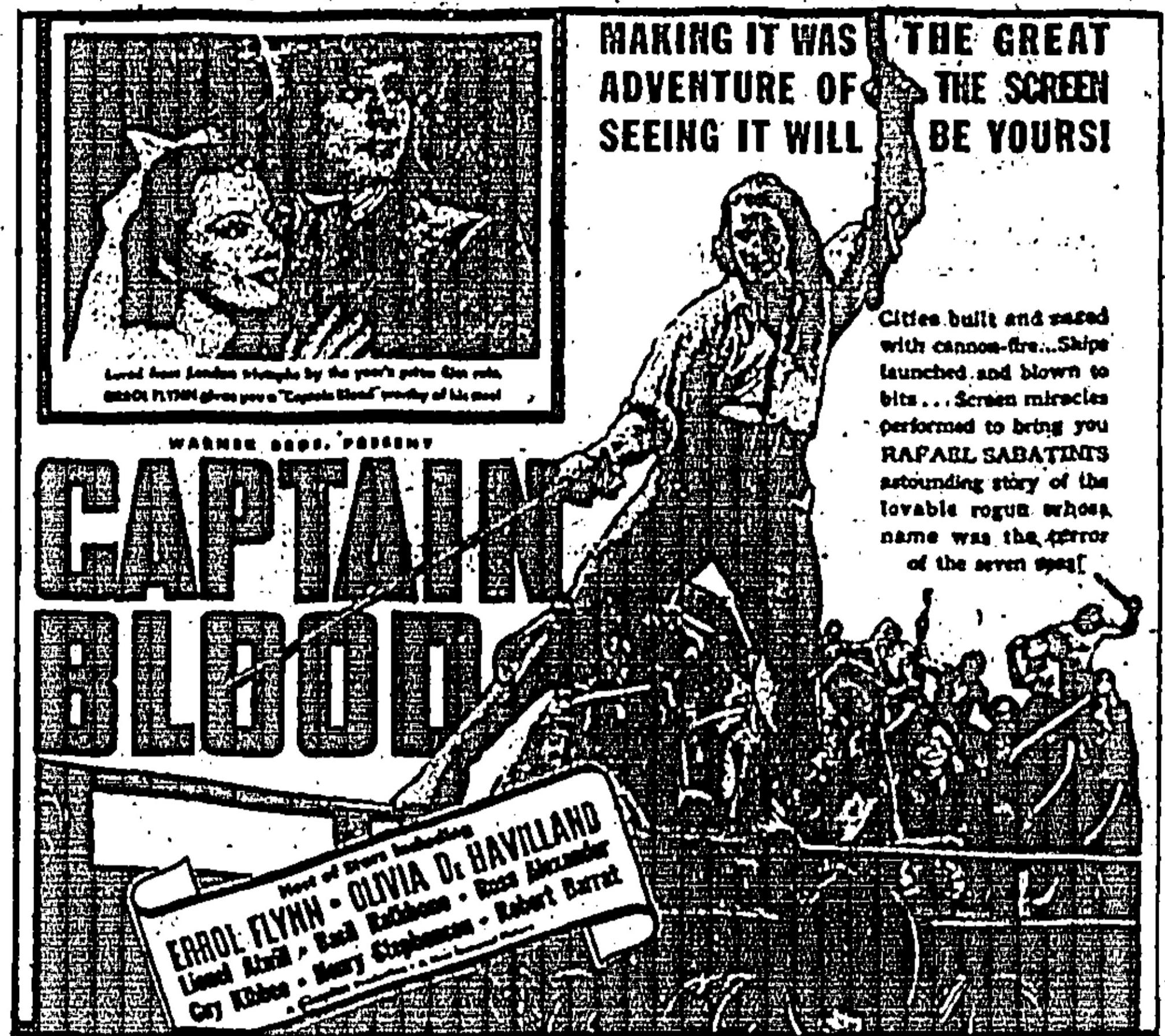
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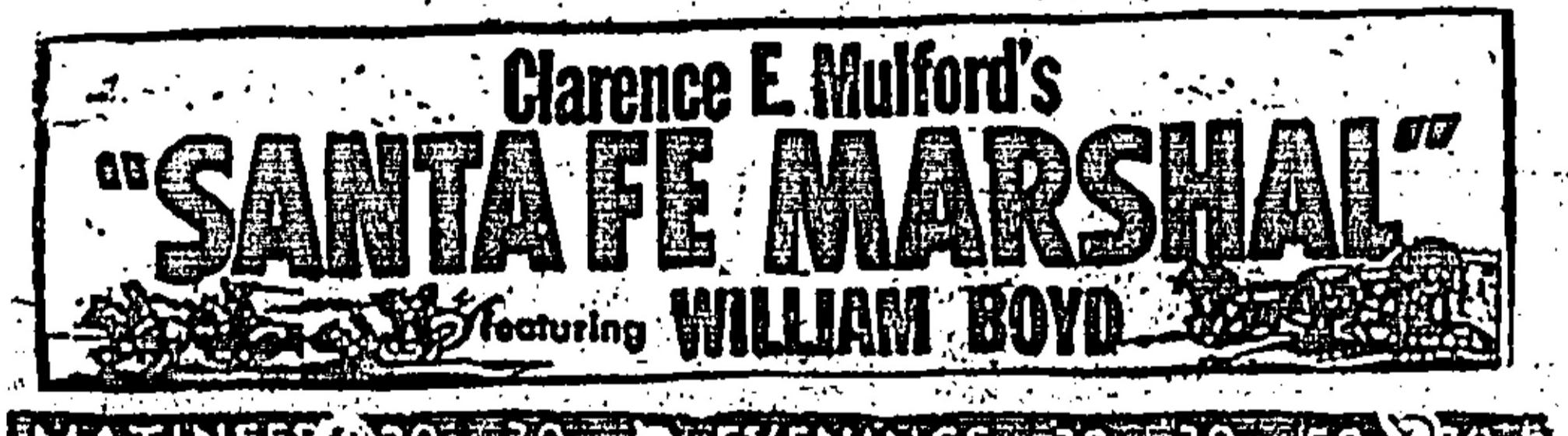
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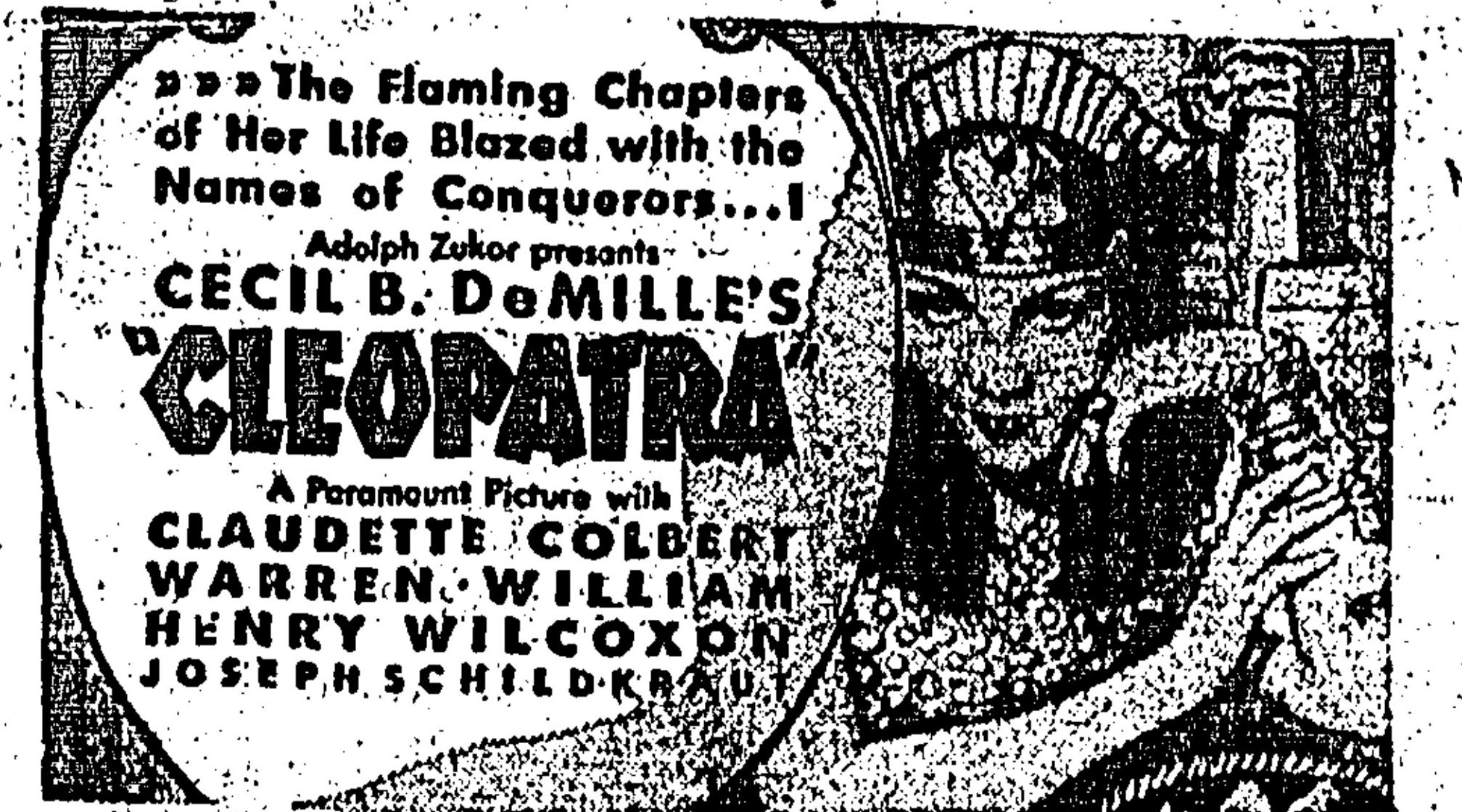
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CANADA'S "CALLING UP" PLANS

Machinery is being set in motion for calling up and sending to military training camps the male youth of Canada. Because of past associations the word "conscription" is carefully avoided in Canada, but whatever word or phrase devoid of stigma which may be applied to the system, a proclamation of the Governor-in-Council which will appear at any moment in the Canada Gazette will warn single men and widowers without children between the ages of 21 and 24, inclusive, to hold themselves in readiness for the call for military training.

The next step will be the immediate mailing of registered letters from the registrars of the 13 administrative divisions of the country, to about 40,000 men of 21 years of age to present themselves for medical examination to doctors in their neighbourhood. About 10,500 medical men, practically the entire medical profession in good standing in the Dominion, have been appointed as examining physicians under National War Services regulations. The object of the initial call is to get 30,000 for the first classes of instruction. The recruits will be distributed among the 39 training centres across the country.

300,000 Trained

It is expected that during the first year about 300,000 will receive basic military instruction. There are however, according to the National Registration cards, about 990,000 single men between the ages of 19 and 45, and this is the potential size of the new citizen army that is now beginning to come into being. Married men of military age may later be called out but the drafting of this class will be postponed for some time.

One of the most important functions of 13 divisional boards, all of which have judges as chairmen, and of divisional registrars is to see that the drafting for military training does not interfere in any way with the operation of essential war industry. Training of farm hands, lumbermen, trappers and fishermen and employees of other seasonal industries will be advanced or postponed to allow these workmen to keep at their regular tasks until their work is over.

Reclamation Of Soil

It is also the duty of registrars and boards to prevent any dislocation of key industries by the wholesale removal of skilled labour from the factories. Manufacturers and other employers are requested to present to the boards plans for the withdrawal of employees for military training during a twelve-month period which will cause the least inconvenience to their business operations. The decisions of the boards will be final. One of the main objectives of the whole national registration scheme was to help industry by compiling a list of available and potential expert labour. On the part of labour it is a matter of free election whether jobs that are open are accepted or not, just as enlistment for overseas service remains voluntary.

Those exempted from the draft for military training are judges, clergymen, members of the military forces, policemen, firemen and officers of prisons, and mental institutions. The training of conscientious objectors, of Doukhobors and Mennonites is also indefinitely postponed. Otherwise the call to military camp is general.

TAPS ATOM POWER

A new source of atomic power—development of artificial uranium—was announced at a nuclear-physics symposium at the bicentennial celebration of the University of Pennsylvania.

This new uranium apparently will have the same properties as the extremely rare form of natural uranium, known as U-235, one pound of which equals 5,000,000 pounds of coal.

This possibility of developing chemical "power" elements which are not found in nature, brought information that Germany and Japan are in a race with the United States in this scientific endeavour.

THE CHINA MAIL, OCTOBER 29, 1940.

N.E.I. LEGION RALLYING TO WAR ON HITLER

Pilots from the Netherlands East Indies are shortly leaving Batavia for England, according to the Batavia wireless yesterday. The pilots will join their Dutch colleagues collaborating with the R.A.F.

A Dutch East Indian Legion will follow shortly to join the Dutch Legion already in England.—Reuter.

CANADIAN -U.S. POWER MOVES

There were indications in Ottawa that exchanges between this Capital and Washington have approached a stage when some new announcement can be made on proposals for joint development of power resources involved in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Waterways project.

According to unofficial information, however, no more than a general statement on the progress of negotiations may be expected for some time.

It was understood that fresh representations from Washington were discussed at the Cabinet Council meeting.

Unprecedented industrial expansion in Canada and the United States, engendered by the war, caused the governments of both countries to turn with renewed hope to the waterways project late last year.

Negotiations between delegations of Canadian and United States experts were held at Ottawa and Washington last January, and there have been constant diplomatic exchanges since then.

President Roosevelt told a questioner at his press conference that discussions were underway with Canada looking toward development of the power aspects of the scheme.

Cost of the entire scheme as envisioned in the treaty of 1932 would be approximately \$500,000,000 divided between the two countries, but Canada has already spent about \$132,000,000 of its share in constructing the Welland Canal, a part of the seaway project.

The belief in Ottawa was, however, that present discussions have relation only to the power resources, particularly those along the international rapids section between Cornwall and Prescott.

LANCASHIRE TO PUSH CLOTH STYLES

As one of its efforts in support of the country's export drive, the Cotton Board has decided to establish in Manchester a Colour, Style, and Design Centre.

"The importance of colour, design, and style in the maintenance and extension of the export trade in United Kingdom cotton goods needs no emphasis," the Board points out.

"It is as necessary that Lancashire should maintain its position in the van of progress in this field as it must also in regard to technical research." The trend of the last 20 years has shown that it must increasingly rely on specialty cloths in which originality of design and construction are paramount.

"Many firms achieve the highest levels in their individual practice. But Lancashire as a whole loses much from the belief in the outer world that the great centres of fashion lie elsewhere—notably, of course, in Paris. The reputation of other centers often obscures the real merits of Lancashire productions."

"It is not too much to hope that people overseas, hearing constantly of new and interesting things done by the Centre, will realize the truth that Manchester is indeed a city from which the new and best may be expected to emerge."

At headquarters which are being secured for the Centre, there will be shown the coming year a series of exhibits bearing on style. This development, which has the approval of Lancashire traders and designers, and of customers overseas, does not represent an attempt to centralise or to canalise the creative sources, but to collect ideas and knowledge and place them at the disposal of the trade.

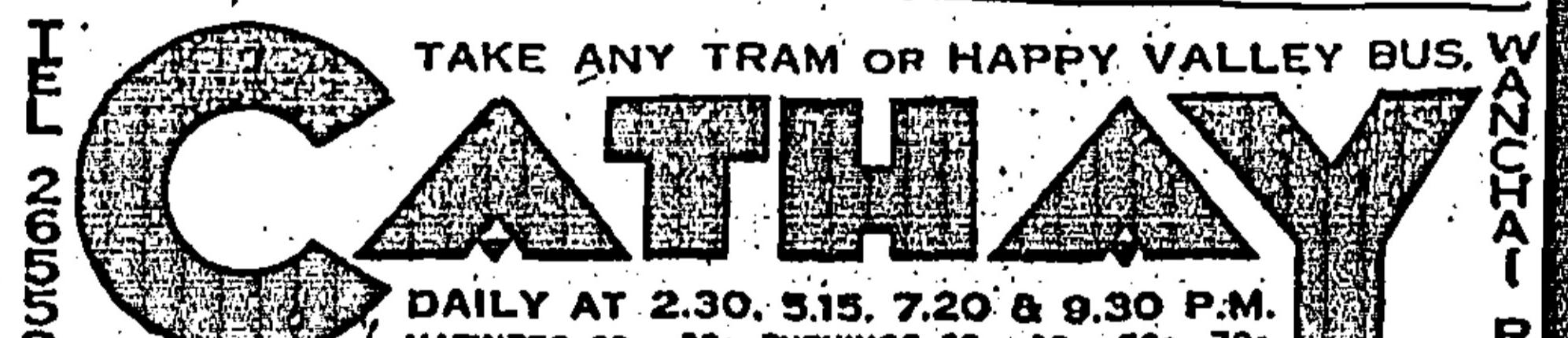
MUSICAL HISTORY

For the first time in musical history, it is said, vocalists were heard with a carillon accompaniment when the Orange Blossom quartet sang with the world's largest carillon on Governor's Day at the Florida exhibit at the World's Fair.

Singers for centuries have used the organ, the violin, the piano and many other instruments as accompaniments, but to date the carillon, mainly because of its physical unwieldiness, has been a solo instrument.

J. C. Deagan of Chicago, maker of this Gargantua of the bell world (75 bells in all) in Florida tower, and J. Oliver Rehl, programme director of the Florida pavilion produced this musical arrangement after a series of experiments.

The exotic tropical garden of the exhibit was used as a pick-up point for the carillon accompaniment. The synchronisation and recording of this unusual musical effect presents many difficulties and marks a new step in broadcasting and recording technique.



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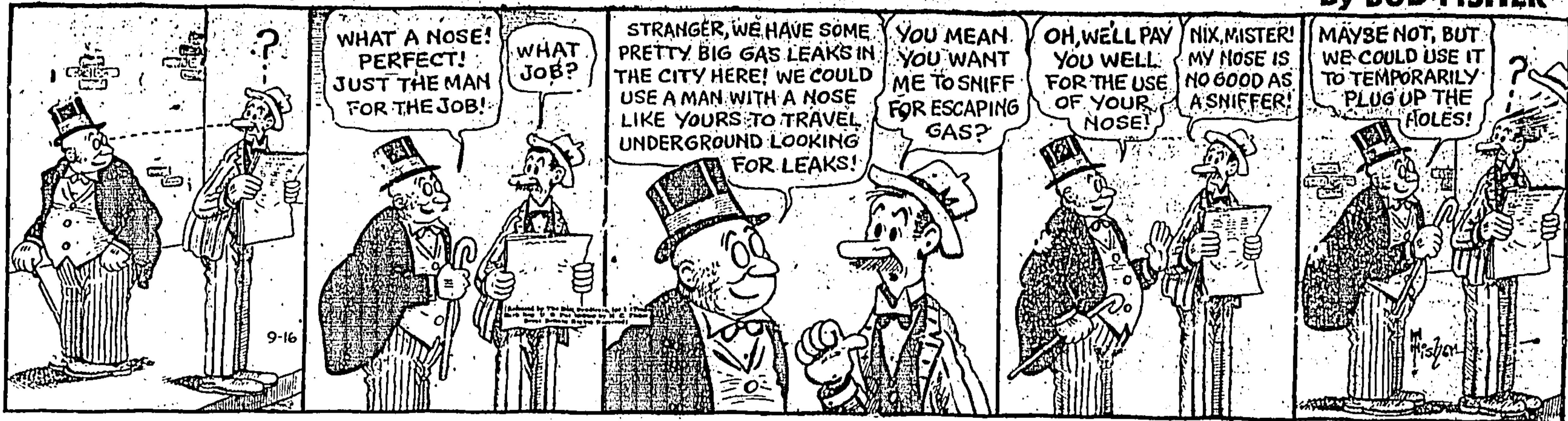


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TRAIN DISPATCH BY 'PHONE

Trains on 65 per cent. of the railway mileage of the United States are now being given orders by telephone rather than by telegraph, the annual convention of the telegraph and telephone section of the Association of American Railroads in Ottawa was told.

The telephone is used to dispatch trains operating over 143,248 miles of track, while orders are transmitted by telegraph to trains operating over 85,107 miles, according to a report submitted to the final session of the three-day convention.

Prior to 1908, train orders were handled almost exclusively by telegraph, it was stated, but the telephone requires less time, less training, and less physical and mental strain.

"Because of the increased efficiency and greater ease in handling train operations with the telephone, a dispatcher can handle a longer length of line than would be possible by telegraph and with little or no increased effort," the report said.

The telephone was especially valuable in cases of emergency, where any member of the train crew would telephone the dispatcher information more quickly than by telegraph. By using port-

CANADIAN BONDS SOLD IN U.S.

Stopped by the United States Neutrality Act from purchasing Canadian war loan bonds, two American institutions have bought Canadian Government bonds issued before the declaration of war, since the second war loan campaign started.

Such purchases have the effect of releasing funds for direct investment in second war loan bonds.

Investors Syndicate of Minneapolis, Minn., bought \$250,000 of Dominion of Canada 3 per cent. bonds due June 1, 1955. During the first war loan last January, Investors Syndicate bought a similar amount of other Canadian Government issues.

The Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America has purchased \$200,000 of Canadian National Railways bonds guaranteed by the Dominion of Canada

able sets, section men or building gangs along the right of way were able to keep in constant touch with headquarters. The use of loud-speaker systems in terminals where there was a heavy train movement also saved valuable seconds and minutes.

"LEF" DISPLACES HAVAS NEWS

South American news editors are watching with special interest the possibility that Reuters, British agency, may take over the entire service of Havas, French agency, in the southern continent.

Already many changes have occurred in the cable services available to South American newspapers, as a result of war in Europe. Havas formerly provided practically the only competition for news agencies of the United States.

Havas has been identified with foreign news distribution in South America for many years. Its date line won an honoured place in continental journalism, though in later years, as a Government-subsidised agency, it was unable to resist modern, commercial competition from the North.

The Havas date line is now fast disappearing, substituted by "LEF," a new Free French agency which, operating from London, has succeeded to all overseas organisation, much of which is in Latin America.

LEF is the abbreviation for "Liberte, Egalite, Fraternite," the symbol of the free and democratic France which emerged from the Revolution. All the French-managed overseas staff of the old organisation are remaining with LEF.

Prior to the change several newspapers gave notice they could not continue with Havas. It became intolerable for South Americans to accept foreign news from German-controlled Paris, and especially through an agency whose name was associated with the earliest handling of cable news on this continent.

Moreover, the fourteenth clause of the Franco-German armistice prohibited radio broadcasts. Havas usually radioed news from Paris.

The new LEF service carries a British bias, natural in view of its organisation and to which there is no objection by former Havas clients. Names like Wickham Steed, Pertinax, Eve Curie, J. B. Priestley and Vernon Bartlett have begun to appear over LEF despatches from London.

MILD QUAKE FELT IN MANILA

Manila residents, especially those living in tall buildings as hotels and clubs, felt a mild earthquake lasting 20 seconds, says the "Manila Bulletin." The weather bureau reported that the earthquake was of tectonic origin, was of intensity II, and had its epicentre about 300 miles from Manila in a direction still undetermined. The tremors were recorded beginning at 6:38:40 p.m.

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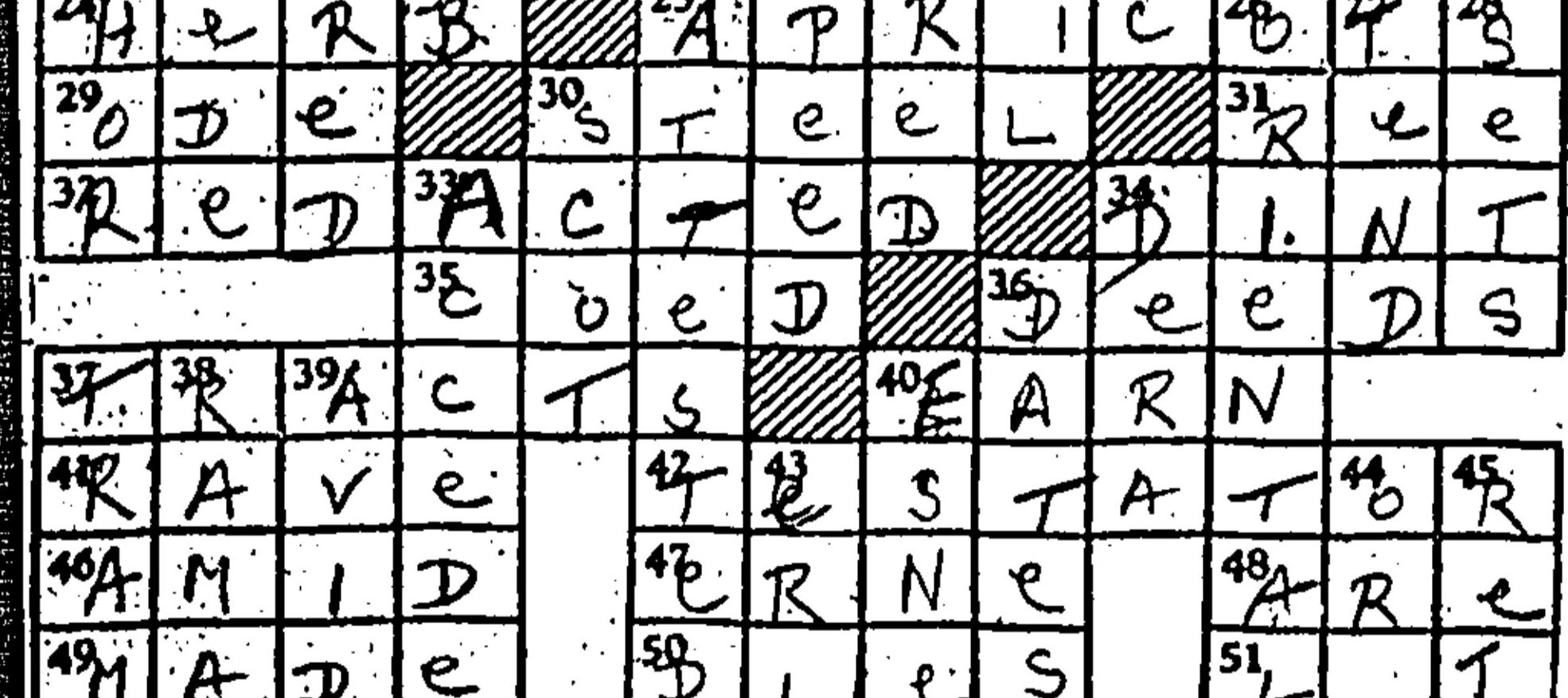
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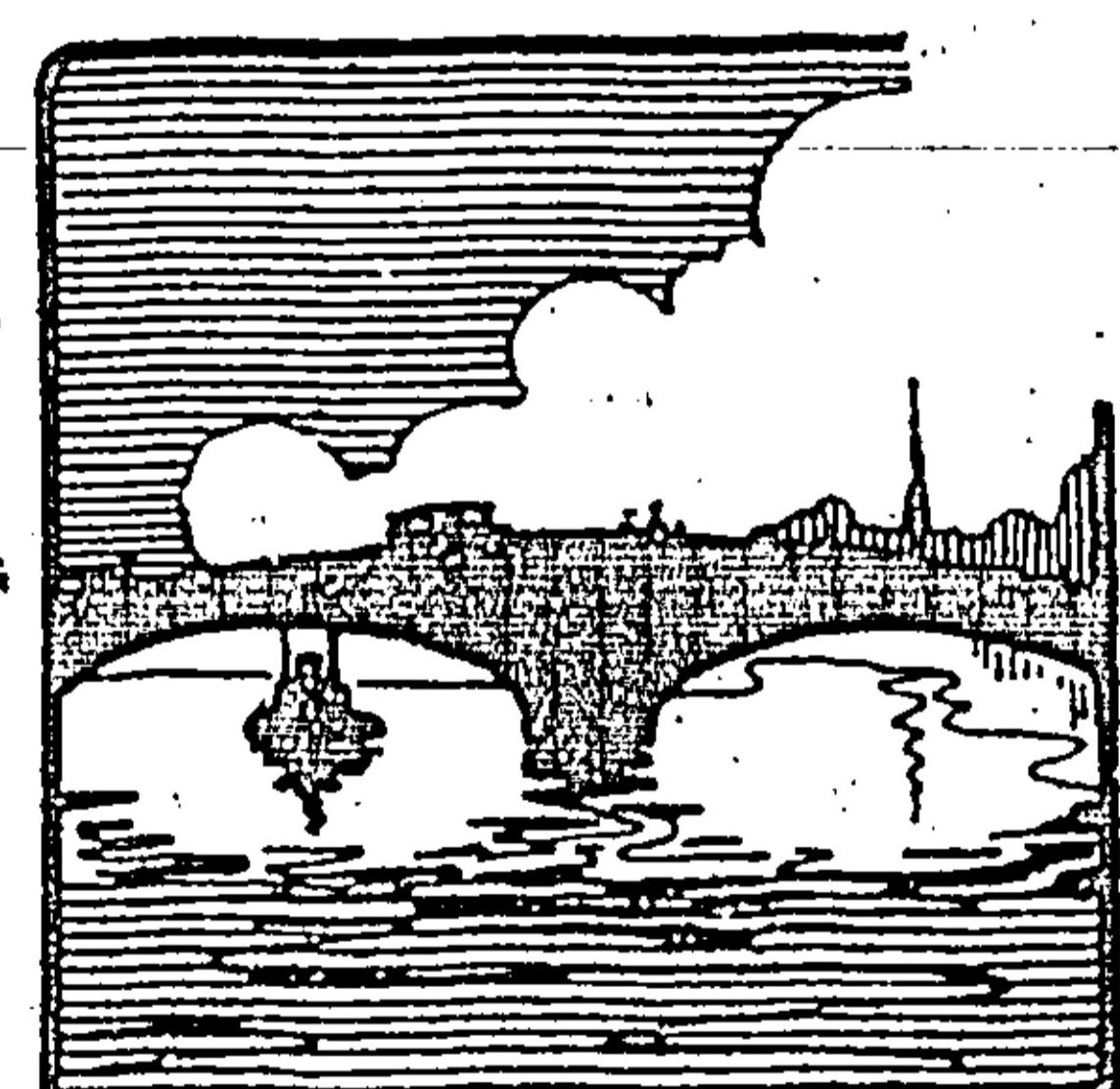
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SURPRISE USE OF POISON GAS IS HELD PROBABLE

When the Germans tell you that they have a great surprise in store for use against the British, and the British admit the peak of air war is not yet, it adds up, for the military expert, to the probable use of poison gas in the near future.

And you can bet one gas that's coming will be deadly, almost invisible phosgene. If the Germans use it first—and they were the first to use chlorine in the world war—air experts expect they will drop it from the sky.

The purpose would not be to decimate the population as so many people seem to think, but to spread panic and fear when panic and fear are already taking hold of the civilian population.

Phosgene would be the favourite for this purpose for these reasons:

1. It is almost invisible, and therefore will have a terrifying effect on civilians subjected to the first attacks. People will appear to drop dead like flies for no apparent reason.

Stored In Bombs

2. It is easy to store in bomb-like containers and drop from the air.

3. It is highly adaptable to use in the British Isles at this season, because the atmosphere is often hazy, almost foggy. The thin white cloud of the stuff will be invisible under these conditions.

(Phosgene is no good in very wet weather, for water absorbs and dissipates it more rapidly than air.)

4. The Germans know that the British population has been lax in their use of gas masks.

According to well-informed American military observers both the Germans and the British have big stores of gases for use under desperate conditions—the Germans for the peak of their air attack against the islands, and the British to use against land invasion.

Masks For Protection

As protection the British authorities have already distributed 30,000,000 gas masks among their people. They have rigged up thousands of underground antiguards shelters. One gas-proof subway shelter in London can house 8,000 people.

Phosgene is ideal for the Germans to use at the peak of their air war because it has all the deadly effects and mysterious presence attributed to war gases in popular fiction, and not because it is quickly to be of maximum value as a weapon against trained troops.

But as a panic producer among civilians it is highly effective. Some experts figure one bomb of phosgene would produce more panic and fear among civilians than 100 actual explosive bombs.

The stuff is a simple combination of chlorine—the purifier you get in drinking water in minute quantities—and carbon monoxide. It is easy to compress into a liquid, and upon release becomes a gas.

Slight concentrations smell like fresh-cut corn in a field. Heavy concentrations smell like a silo full of fermenting ensilage. When a man smokes a cigarette in the presence of phosgene, he experiences a sharp metallic taste in his mouth.

Exertion Fatal

In an area as big as a room 10 feet square, a lethal dose of phosgene is one-third of an ounce, if the victim is exposed thirty minutes. In higher concentrations, of course, it is quickly fatal. Drops of watery material form in lung tissues, stop oxygen, and the victim suffocates.

It is well suited to use against civilian populations also because victims would be likely to run or exert themselves. The slightest exertion produces death almost immediately.

Phosgene is known to all military forces. The common gas mask in one hundred per cent effective against it.

Military experts point to recent statements of the German high command accusing the British of dropping poisonous material

ITALIANS ANNOYED

A message from Istanbul to the Italian news agency complains of the "Anglo-mania" of the Turkish Press and of the Reuter dispatches, which it says, "are published in positions of honour in the papers."

The attitude of the Press, however, the dispatch claims, does not correspond with that of the Turkish man in the street.

FUSILIER'S FACTS FOR A BOOK

The court martial of Fusilier Michael Hopper, of the Royal Fusiliers, who was charged with being in possession of a notebook containing two sketches of an R.A.F. station and information as to factories and bomber objectives in Great Britain, was continued in London. He pleaded not guilty.

It was alleged that Hopper had collated in the notebook information which could be of direct use to the enemy. He stated that he did so for the purpose of writing a book after the war.

Major R. C. H. Baker, defending, said that Mr. Julian MacLaren Ross, a novelist, who had been mentioned, was now a private in the Army and, as his presence was essential to Hopper's defence, he applied for an adjournment.

Captain Nield, prosecuting, raised no objection, and the hearing was adjourned.

JOKED AS HE RISKED HIS LIFE

George Keen, a subganger, whose bravery amid falling bombs saved an ammunition train on a Southern Railway line, made light of his heroism.

"We made up our minds to say nothing about it," he said. "I saw the bombing of the train from my door at midnight. I rushed to the train, two coaches of which were well ablaze.

"Bombs All Round"

"As I started to uncouple the first carriage behind those on fire bombs were exploding all round me."

"Another platelayer came to my help with soldiers, a young officer, and members of the A.F.S. They all helped."

"I heard a cry in the woods nearby, and when I went to investigate I stumbled and found I was within a few inches of a live shell, one of many blown from the train when the bombs hit it."

Laughed And Joked

"We saved 42 carriages by uncoupling them singly and passing them down the line. We laughed

and joked while we were on the job. It was nothing really."

Many lives and much property were saved by Mr. Keen's action.

He is the village Scoutmaster. When he was 15 he joined the Navy and was telegraphist in the Spitfire at Jutland. He was shipwrecked in the Speedy near Constantinople in 1923.

Mrs. Hyde, a local resident, sent the following message to him: "I must ever stand out in the memory as one of the greatest deeds of heroism."

RAIL FARES WILL RISE UNLESS--

Railway fares in Britain are certain to be increased, despite the public inquiry into railway charges which has been proceeding at Bush House Aldwych.

A belief that the inquiry might succeed in preventing fares going up caused me to pay visit to Bush House—but I am now disillusioned and wiser, writes a London correspondent.

What I found out was that exactly a month ago the Ministry of Transport wrote to the Charges (Railway Control) Consultative Committee to say that estimates of increases in working costs arising out of the war, amounting to £46,000,000, had been substantiated and that the Railway Executive Committee had proposed to meet this additional amount by raising railway charges, including passenger fares.

In other words, the discovery I made consisted of this:

Already Granted

First, that the Railway Companies claim for increased charges has already been granted, before the present inquiry, by the Ministry of Transport.

Second, that the inquiry is strictly limited to the question of how the new charges shall be distributed.

The public is, in fact, in the position of a defendant who appears before a Court to be told that he has already been convicted at a secret session between the Judge and claimant;

The terms of reference are so narrow that the chairman has had to repeat them almost daily in order to justify the exclusion of questions which the objectors consider highly relevant.

The Railway Executive Committee has submitted to the inquiry only figures of estimated future yields.

And as the Committee is itself composed of paid servants of the railway companies, these figures are, as one counsel pointed out, "a little suspect."

The London Cooperative Society is one of the bodies which has taken up the public's case.

An official of the Society told me: "We represent 800,000 members, who will be affected in two ways by the increased charges."

"As railway users they will have to pay increased fares and as consumers they will have to result higher food prices which will be increased by the additional freight charges. That is the way to inflation."

Happily, however, the victim are almost certain to be reprieved as an industrial Correspondent has already indicated, the first word will rest with the War Cabinet; and the only effect of the inquest will be to inform the War Cabinet that State control of a transport service is urgent and necessary.

CHINA MAIL
WINDSOR HOUSE

NEW WORLDS

To-day dictators are looking about for other worlds to conquer. But that is not because they have finished one job and are ready to go on with the next. They need new worlds. And they need to make them look as important as the one they are not conquering. They may hide from their own populations how disappointed they are with the way Britons are acting. But other peoples sense that the promised attack on British outlying possessions is only a second-best substitute, in the eyes of Axis engineers, for quick conquest of the British Isles.

This is not to say that the Axis cannot make a lot of trouble for the British Empire. But the very intensity of the German effort against Britain shows that Herr Hitler and his advisers know that their best hope of winning this war lies in direct rather than indirect action against British power. Their best hope, obviously, is not materialising.

This is the point that recent meetings and diplomacy have emphasised. Together with revelations of surprisingly slight damage to British war reserves, and of increasing aid to Britain from the United States, the facts give ground for comfort, though difficult days lie ahead.

London does not imagine that its trial is over or even diminishing. Britain does not suppose that all menace of invasion this year has passed. But all the world can see that the boasts of Berlin were uttered too soon, and that the alternative to swallowing them is to direct action toward other objectives.

"FINE AS FIRE"

There's a man in London, so it seems, who isn't getting a proper night's rest. It's because of noise, of course. And he has complained to the authorities. One might think he would complain to that there "Hitler" or at least desist from adding to the decibel dilemma that London authorities must face. For, one might suppose, there is only one way to lessen noise in London now, and that is by refraining from adding the din of anti-aircraft fire to the din of bombs.

But that isn't the problem at all. Who said anything about bombs and

Looking Forward

In his last speech in the House of Commons the Prime Minister refused to embark on any discussion of the shape which might be given to Europe after the war or of any "new securities" which might be required. This caution was clearly right. Nothing could be more unreal than the elaboration at the present time of hypothetical political structures to fit situations which cannot be foreseen even in broadest outline. Nothing could be more unwise than to undertake commitments or to encourage hopes whose fulfilment might prove either wholly impracticable or incompatible with our larger purposes. In 1919 we suffered from a plethora both of political commitments and of political theories about the way in which a new order should be constructed. When arms are laid down at the end of the present war, it may well be prudent to devote our immediate energies to the practical needs of relief and reconstruction, and postpone any attempt to build a more permanent political framework until a clearer perspective has had time to emerge.



But this does not mean that we should refrain, so long as hostilities last, from looking towards any goal beyond the end of them. As Mr. Churchill said last week, "the road to victory may not be so long as we expect"; and though he quickly added that we have "no right to count on this," it would be equally wrong to use the prospect of a long war as an argument for refusing indefinitely to consider the problems of peace. The well-worn saying that last time we won the War and lost the peace contains a large measure of truth. The assumption that, once the war is won, no further leadership or initiative will be required from British statesmen, and no further effort or self-sacrifice from British people, is a dangerous form of complacency. We have suffered much during the past months because we had not made adequate preparations to equip ourselves for war. To equip ourselves for peace is also a wise and necessary precaution.

One moral which seems clearly to emerge from the experience of the war is the qualification which will have to be applied to the concept of neutrality in the crowded European continent. The smaller countries of Europe will rightly and naturally want to continue to paddle their own canoes. But, as a correspondent remarked in these columns a few days ago, they will have henceforth to do so, in convoy. Nor is this merely a necessary measure of common defence. If Europe is to become once more a prosperous as well as a peaceful land, common economic planning and economic policy have become imperative. The economic atomism of the thirties was a prelude to the military disasters of 1940, and helps in part to explain them. No system of political and military guarantees can uphold indefinitely a structure which fails to bring decent and stable conditions of life to the European peoples. The mirage of domination based on self-sufficiency must be replaced, in Germany, and throughout Europe, by an economic organisation conceived from a European or, so far as may be, from a world-wide point of view.



In one most important respect Mr. Churchill revealed that plans were in hand for future reconstruction. We have undertaken to encourage the building up all

over the world of food reserves destined for the relief of Hitler's victims—among whom Mr. Churchill was careful to include the people of Germany and Austria—as soon as Nazi power is overthrown. But the problem of food supplies and nutrition is not limited to the immediate needs of post-war relief. No international task will be more urgent after the war

than the planning of relations between food importing and food growing countries in such a way as to clear the channels of trade, to regulate its even flow, and to remove the arbitrary interference of national or individual self-interest. To make preparations now for this task, and to extend the survey to other aspects of European reconstruction—to pro-

blems of transport, of housing and public works; and of industrial reconstruction—would be a prudent anticipation of needs which can certainly be foreseen, whatever political shape a liberated Europe may assume. This is a more practical approach to the problem of war aims and of post-war international cooperation than the devising of political constitutions.



Mr. Churchill last week permitted himself one further glimpse into the future—the eloquent peroration in which he spoke of the growing community of interest between this country and the United States in the defence of freedom. But this common interest will end with victory in this war, at any rate in its present form. Our Diplomatic Correspondent has drawn attention to the way in which German propaganda is already trying to sow mischief by deliberately exaggerating the scope and prospects of military cooperation. More dangerous still is the small band of enthusiasts on both sides of the Atlantic which from time to time canvasses romantic schemes of world-wide political federation. Let us tell ourselves frankly that the United States have no intention of concerning themselves in the political future of any European country or of cooperating in any new political order outside the Western Hemisphere. Where we can count with confidence on the prospect of American collaboration and American generosity after the war is in the field of economic and social reconstruction; and this is yet another reason for thinking in the first instance in these terms.



Victory Of The Atlantic

The victory of the Atlantic has been the outstanding naval event of the year, and yet it has never been officially announced. Few details about it are known outside the Admiralty, and the world at large is hardly aware of what has happened. Nevertheless that victory has played a considerable part in shaping the events of the immediate past and moulding the immediate future.

It was brought about by the vigorous offensive of the Navy at the very start of the war against German submarine campaign. Rapidly though the Admiralty plans for establishing convoys worked, they would not by themselves have defeated the U-boats. The German expectation was that some two million tons of shipping would be destroyed in the first month, and this appalling loss must in their estimation completely wreck any plans we had for the prosecution of the war. In the result, the U-boats were so harried and hunted by our anti-submarine flotillas that it took all their attention looking after their own safety, and they were unable to concentrate on the merchant ships.

The total damage they were able to inflict in this first month was no more than 184,241 tons, and in the course of those operations we know from a statement in Parliament that they lost at least six or seven vessels in three weeks. The actual total was probably higher. In the next four weeks the hunting went on. There was one day on which three U-boats were destroyed, and by the end of three months of war it was clear, guarded though the official statements were, that the total German loss was approaching forty boats. That meant that half the available craft had been removed, that between 1,500 and 2,000 trained officers and men were lost to Germany, and that we had shown beyond all question that the U-boat menace was not likely, in this war, to approach the dimensions it reached in 1917. Our sea communications were to remain open, losses could be kept within the limit at which they could be replaced, by strenuous

effort in the shipyards, and our world-wide sources of supply could not be cut off.

It was a victory as important to our future as any pitched battle ever fought between fleets on the surface, and nothing that has happened since has undermined its significance.

The Magnetic Mine

A second important naval victory about which rather more is known publicly was achieved with the nullifying of the effects of the magnetic mine. That goes to the credit of the scientists more than to the fighting fleet, but its importance in the war at sea is just as great as a defeat of the enemy fleet, since it ensured free movement for our warships as well as for our merchantmen.

A third naval development that may fairly be classed as a victory is the fleet's successful defiance of air power to interfere with its operations. Not only the one dramatic encounter between sea power and air power during the withdrawal from Dunkirk marks this victory; scores of incidents, mostly already forgotten by the general public, have piled up the evidence during the year that the fleet, though not untouchable, is unbreakable from the air.

It is necessary to emphasise these three aspects of the naval history of the past twelve months, for they have not the picturesque drama which imprints events on the public mind. The year, indeed, has given us a striking illustration of that "daily silent pressure" of which Mahan wrote. The excitement of the Battle of the Plate, of the destroyer attacks at Narvik, of the stopping of the Altmark make "history" in the popular sense, but it has been the little-known, the almost unrecorded events at sea, that have really affected the course of events.

Heavy Price

There has been a heavy price in men and in ships to pay for the sea security that has been achieved. Again there has not

The approach to the economic needs of Europe cannot be made in isolation from the needs of this country. The intensification of war effort and the increasingly complete mobilisation of our resources render all the more imperative a far-reaching programme of social reconstruction in Great Britain. A problem of enormous dimensions will confront us immediately on the cessation of hostilities. We cannot simply slip back into peace. A large part of the vast war machine will come to a standstill almost over night; for the production of vast quantities of aeroplanes and munitions of all kinds will suddenly lose its meaning and purpose. The readaptation of the whole machinery of production from its war-time programme to the needs of peace is an operation which will not brook delay. But it is an operation which cannot be improvised on the spur of the moment. Chaos will be the penalty of failure to plan this change-over in advance; and this can only be done by an early review of the needs which will have the most urgent claim on our liberated resources of production. It is here that the needs of Europe require to be examined in conjunction with our own. The work of reconstruction is one; and it is for us to organise it. To-day the main responsibility for the defence of civilised Europe rests on Britain. To-morrow the initiative for the building up of a new Europe will rest on the same shoulders. Without slackening for a moment in our concentration on the present task, we must also look forward to the future task if we are to undertake it with the same success.

been, except in one or two instances, the visible drama of hundreds of victims in one disaster. It has been among the fringes of the fleet that the price has been most heavily exacted—75 minesweepers and patrol vessels lost, 31 destroyers, 14 submarines are part of the toll among the smaller craft. A casualty-list of a dozen here, of fifty there, perhaps of a hundred on occasion which would shock public feeling to the core in peace-time becomes, by some strange transmutation of values, but an item of news in war-time.

But at the end of a year of war we may surely pause for one moment to think upon not only the victories that have been achieved, the safety that has been ensured, but also upon those thousands who were in their deaths, as in their lives, the silent, unseen builders of both victory and security.





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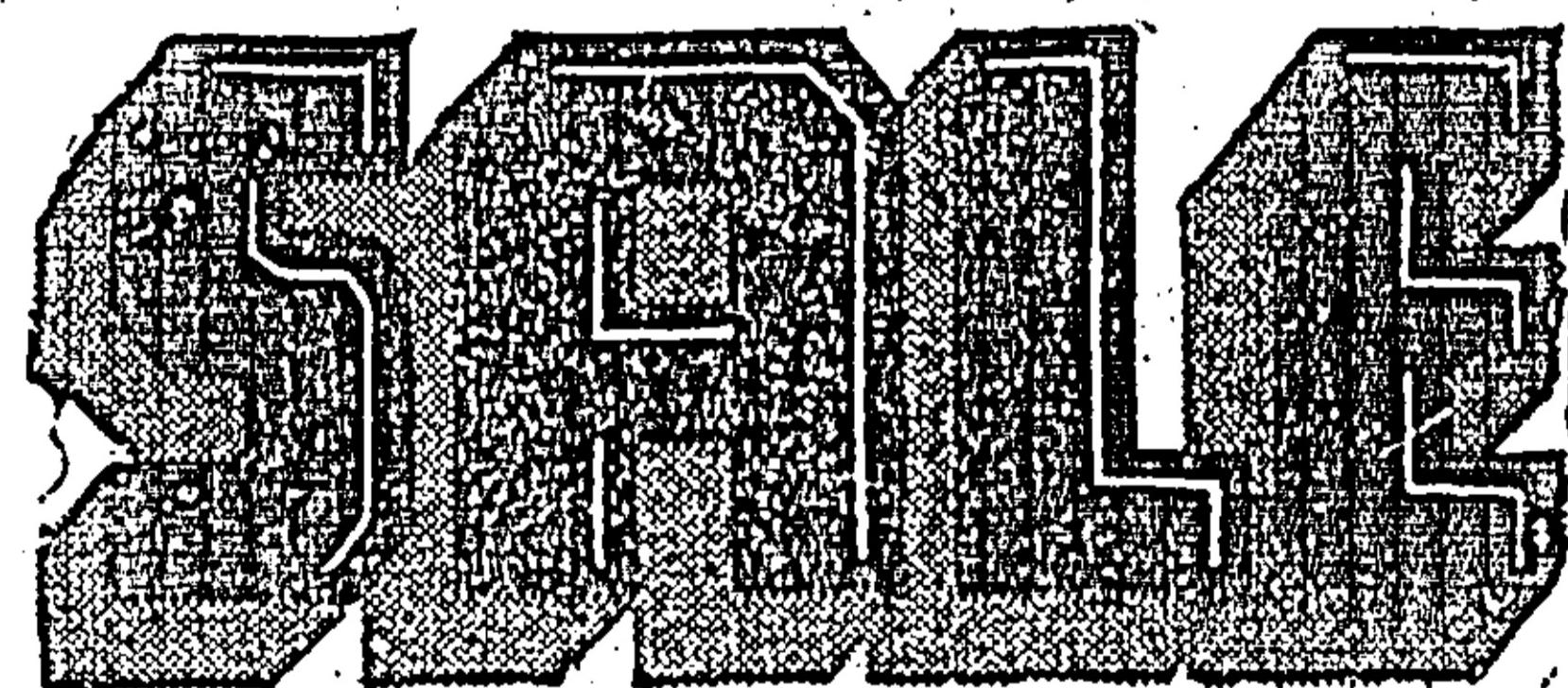
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POMPEY CINEMA SUFFERS DIRECT BOMB HIT

Portsmouth was raided late in one afternoon, but only about twenty machines were able to pierce an intensive A.A. barrage. Many others were driven back by British fighters.

Bombs were dropped in several parts of the city. A cinema was hit while a performance was in progress and the gallery collapsed. Some members of the audience were trapped in the building.

Another cinema narrowly escaped, the bomb dropping in a car park close by. A furniture factory was damaged and a number of houses in working class and residential districts were wrecked. There were a number of casualties, but they are believed to be relatively few in view of the number of bombs dropped.

At Ramsgate, waves of bombers and fighters were met by a terrific A.A. barrage as they crossed the coast. They scattered and dropped a large number of high explosive bombs and a few incendiaries in all parts of the town, causing damage to houses. Casualties were few in relation to the damage done.

Most of the damage was done in the third of a succession of raids that began at breakfast time and continued throughout the day. When one building was hit people sheltering in the basement escaped unhurt although covered in dust.

An assembly hall was wrecked. A man who was cleaning it for a brotherhood meeting was rescued unhurt from the ruins by a warden.

Outside the building a placard still proclaimed: "Brother man, don't stay outside and hope for the best. Come inside and get it."

A few yards away a house received a direct hit which reduced it to a mass of rubble, but the occupier, Mr. N. Stroud, and his wife emerged unscathed. One of those killed was a police constable who was sleeping after being on night duty. His home was wrecked.

Aged Couple Rescued

In a road where several small houses were damaged, a man of eighty-five and a woman of eighty-three were among those rescued. "I had not time to go to the nearest shelter," said the woman. "I was trying to reach the cellar when everything seemed to fall on top of me, but I stood close against a wall and escaped with a bump on my head. What worries me most is that I lost my top teeth."

In the town's shopping centre, the largest grocery store was ruined. An employee of a firm of house furnishers was killed while crossing the road to shelter.

Several public houses in different parts of the town were demolished. At one, where all the windows were broken, the landlord carried beer in buckets to rescue workers as soon as the raid was over.

Two people, one a van driver, were killed outside a temperance hotel and several people running to a shelter were blown down the steps when a bomb exploded.

The Mayor, Town Clerk, and members of the municipal staff took shelter in the basement of the council offices and were shaken by bombs which fell a few feet in front of the building.

One bomb struck the gasworks, causing a fire. This was speedily extinguished, however, by the fire brigade, the A.F.S., and brigades from neighbouring towns.

Two men employed in the mains department were killed by a bomb which exploded three feet from them as they were running for shelter.

In another part of the town a boy had a foot blown off and was pinned beneath the wreckage of a house. In another street a civilian had a leg blown off.

A woman who had sheltered in a cupboard under her staircase emerged after the raid to find that her kitchen had vanished.

A reporter who was watching the raid, heard the shriek of a bomb and ran into a building. As he reached the head of the stairs there was a terrific explosion, and he was blown from top to bottom without touching the stairs. He later found that

GERMANS CENTURIES TOO LATE

An ingenious theory has been put forward to explain why German raiders frequently drop bombs on isolated and desolate districts.

A number of bombs have fallen near spots which are marked with the word "camp" on ordnance maps, and it is suggested that these markings refer to present day military camps. Actually they refer to old British fortresses — mainly earth works dating back to 1000 B.C.

JAPANESE PAY UP INDEMNITY

JAPANESE AUTHORITIES HAVE PAID A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY US\$1,080 AS INDEMNITY TO THE FAMILIES OF THE 18 ANNAMITES WHO WERE KILLED WHEN NIPPON WARPLANES BOMBED HAIPHONG DURING THE JAPANESE LANDINGS OPERATIONS THERE ON SEPTEMBER 26.

The Japanese payment, at the rate of approximately US\$71 per life, followed a vigorous French protest to Tokyo.

Meanwhile members of a Japanese economic mission reached Hanoi. They will commence talks with French colonial officials later. Informed quarters expect that the conversations will cover a wide range of financial and trade questions.

Guns Rant Raiders

A.A. gunners broke up a formation of German bombers which were endeavouring to break through the outer London defences. It was the second attempt during the day, and on each occasion air raid warnings were sounded throughout London.

The first alarm lasted from just after 8 a.m. until nearly 9 o'clock, and the second from 3.45 until 4.45.

The afternoon raiders came in from the south at a height of 20,000 feet, and as they appeared over the Thames in rough arrow-head formation they were met by a terrific A.A. barrage.

After a few minutes' firing the gunners got the range perfectly and shell after shell burst among the enemy formation.

So intense was the barrage and so heavy was the thunder of the guns that in many places it was mistaken for bombs.

The massed raiders waded under the fire and turned north.

In their efforts to escape some of the planes dropped like stones and then roared over the house tops so low that the Home Guard were "potting" at them.

A Spitfire pounced on a Nazi plane that had already been badly hit by an A.A. shell and was trying to hedge-hop away. The machine crashed near a village and a black column of smoke marked its resting-place. Others were obviously badly damaged.

A terrific air battle took place over a south-east town as the fleeing raiders and their escorts met a large force of British fighters.

Powerful Barrage

Junkers 88 dive-bombers made three unsuccessful attempts to attack another aerodrome on the South

East coast.

Flying at a great height, the first formation of twelve bombers was driven off by Spitfires after a brief encounter.

Half an hour later eight Nazi bombers attacked from another direction. This time they were driven off by heavy anti-aircraft gunfire.

The third and largest formation of twenty Junkers crossed the coastline shortly before noon, but a heavy anti-aircraft barrage caused them to take another course. They flew for several miles along the coast in a vain effort to penetrate the barrage before turning seawards.

As they returned across the Channel, followed by gunfire, one machine was seen to fall out of formation and plunge downwards towards the sea.

In another district, thirteen enemy planes attempting to attack an aerodrome were driven wide by A.A. fire and fighters, but loosed high explosive and incendiary bombs over a residential and rural area, damaging private property. Casualties were few.

Two raiders are believed to have been shot down and the crew of four of one of them, all wounded, were captured.

In the South-West, hundreds of incendiary bombs were showered on rural districts. Presumably the raiders were attempting to set fire to growing corn. Generally they were well off their targets and in most areas little or no damage was done.

Villagers or members of the Home Guard extinguished the fire bombs almost as soon as they struck the ground, or they burned themselves out on harvested fields. In one district three stacks were fired, but the flames were all put out within a minute.

GERMAN NEED FOR A QUICK RESULT

THE ONE PRIME advantage which the enemy holds is that of numbers. It is a point we have insisted upon over and over again, and there is the more necessity for such insistence from the fact that, partly from lack of proportion, partly from the effect of propaganda, the full meaning of these numbers is not clearly presented to the public.

The main fact underlying all the rest is the fact that the enemy, quite apart from his Mediterranean alliance, was originally much more than equal numerically to the French and English combined.

Since the French forces were eliminated, the enemy's recruiting field—that is the ultimate manpower on which he can draw—is much more than double our own.

The Mass Attack

But having said so much, and fully considering that handicap against us (a handicap which has adversely affected neutral opinion of our chances), we may justly turn to the other side of the question. It is evident that the enemy is accelerating his pace. He is pushing his preparatory attack hard. It is much more than the "testing" which he has claimed it to be. It is rapidly becoming something like a mass attack, so far as the preliminary airwork is concerned, and is an acceleration in quality as well as in quantity, for the enemy envisages a steadily increasing attack upon our vital civilian centres, our urban population as well as our air bases, ports, and munition factories.

Why this accentuation of pace? First, there is the continual increase of our Air Force in machines and trained pilots. Every day we approach more nearly to parity, and that with the added advantage of, on the whole, better machines and certainly better trained pilots. We are still a long way off equality in numbers, but the approach to it is ceaseless. Unless the enemy has won his campaign before numerical superiority in this vital arm passes to our side, he has lost the war.

Need For Speed

That is one reason for the recent accentuation of his pace in air work. Another is the uncertain margin of good weather remaining to him. When the storms come air work will be very different and the difference will not be in his favour.

Now, not only must the enemy act quickly in the time at his disposal but he must obtain a complete decision within that time. This is a consideration that must have haunted the enemy General Staff ever since the attack on Poland was launched close on a year ago. Increasing success, increasing occupation of territory, even the vastly increased numerical advantage obtained by the collapse of French resistance, are still conditioned, and more and more conditioned, by the necessity for a rapid victorious conclusion.

Enemy's Advantages

To obtain such a decision his old original advantages are still with him; the remarkable excellence of his staff work, the unity of his internal government, the perfection of his intelligence department. This last advantage we should do well to bear in mind continually. When the enemy was tracking down the King of Norway last year they were informed of his every move, and he narrowly escaped with his life. They have been informed of most of our moves, far more than we have been informed of theirs, and, most remarkable of all, nothing of great moment in their plans has ever leaked out.

The new tanks which were the main element of victory last May came as a surprise. So much earlier, did the deal with Moscow come as a surprise. So does the enemy's deceptive candour repeatedly come as a surprise. Only the other day he was announcing the new intensity of his air attack and telling us openly how he intended to follow it up by what he called "the difficult job of landing troops." "Difficult" is the operative word!

An Unsolved Problem

But there is something much more difficult of which the enemy

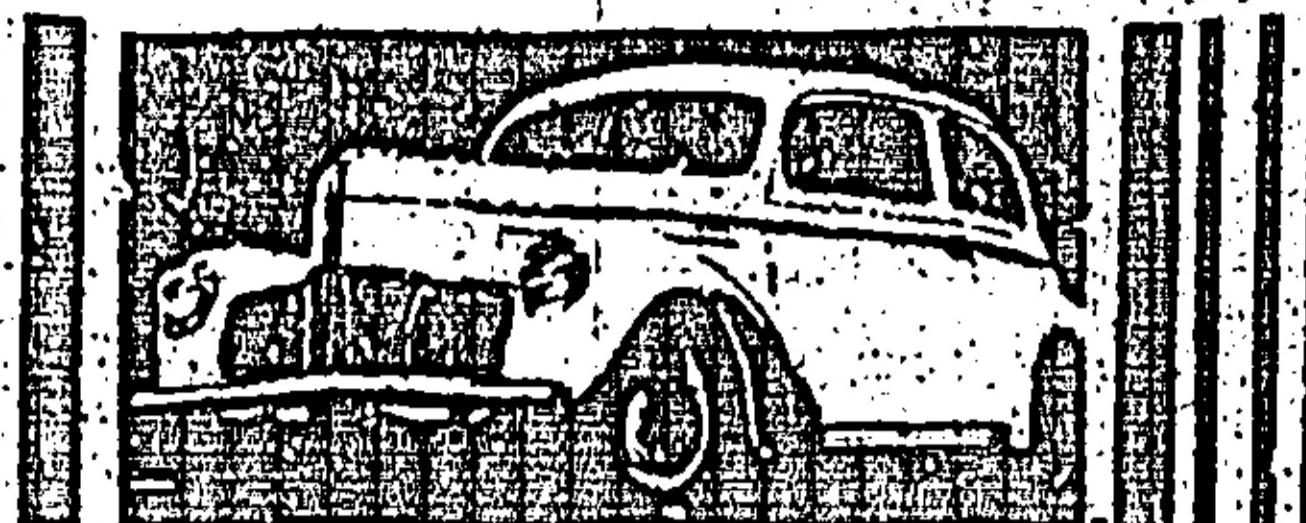
combats. It would need constant streams of munition and these on a very large scale. Of this for all his habit of revelation he tells us nothing. Probably because he has not really solved the problem to his own satisfaction.

In connection with the enemy's habit of self-revelation it is curious to note a certain superstition on the part of the enemy's General Staff. They seem to attach importance to particular days. It was remarkable that they opened the invasion of Poland (and the launching of this, which they hoped to make their victorious final war) upon the anniversary of Sedan. It is also to be remembered that in the last Great War they seem to have crossed the frontier on the same day and at the same hour as in 1870. There is nearly always an element of superstition in such affairs.

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By The Four Aces
Block That Suit!

Correct interpretation of the opening lead helped South make his contract in the hand below:

North, Dealer
East-West vulnerable

♦ A Q 6 2	N	♦ A 10 9 8
♥ 7 5 2	W	4
♦ J 9 5 2	E	♥ Q 6 3'
♦ Q 7 5	S	♦ Q 8
		♣ K 10 3
		♦ K 5
		♥ 9 8
		♦ K 10 7 4
		♣ A J 9 4

The bidding:
North East South West

1♥ 1♦ 1NT Pass

2♦ Pass 2NT Pass

3NT Pass Pass Pass

West opened the deuce of spades, and East won with the Ace and returned the spade ten.

South was tempted to finesse the Jack, but thought it over first.

West's lead was either a singleton, fourth-best, or third-best from the Queen. It was not likely to be a singleton, since in that case East might

have rebid the seven-card suit; or perhaps West might have found a more promising lead.

It was not likely to be fourth-best, since East was too careful a player to make a vulnerable overcall on a four-card suit.

South therefore inferred the actual situation and properly put up the spade King instead of finessing the Jack.

South next finessed the hearts, and East took his Queen but found that his partner's spade Queen blocked the suit.

A spade lead was taken by West, but now he had no way of returning to his partner's hand.

He made an attempt, by leading a diamond, but South won and ran the hearts.

A finesse of the club nine then went to West's Queen, and a later finesse of the club Jack gave

South his ninth trick.

South would have lost his contract, of course, if he had finessed the Jack of spades at the second trick.

West would have taken the trick with the spade Queen and returned the suit, forcing out South's only stopper.

Sooner or later, East would get in with the heart Queen to run the spades and defeat the contract.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♦ A Q J 8 6 5 3
♥ 9
♦ K 5 3
♣ K 4 2

The bidding:
Jacoby Schenken You Dealer

1♥ Dbl. (?)

ANSWER: Bid one spade. This bid shows a weak or only moderately strong hand with a playable spade suit but no support for hearts. There is no point in passing, since the opponents will not bid spades and you are unprepared to double any other bid; and

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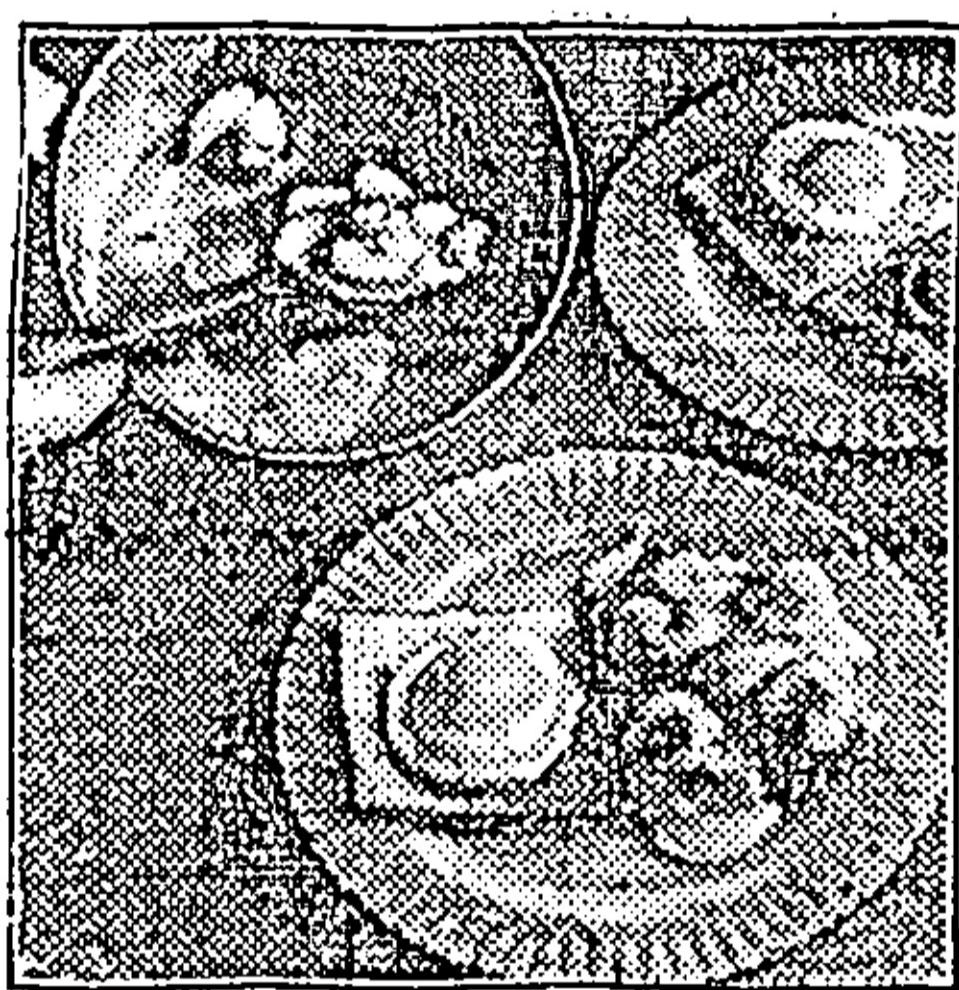
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN Does She Get Enough Sunshine?

Modern mothers are instructed by leading pediatricians that children should get sun very early in life. Gone are the old-fashioned swaddling clothes which kept air and sun from a baby's body.

An unusual SHRIMP-CELERY SAUCE for poached eggs or waffles

by Dorothy Greig



If there's one thing that makes me purr it is to turn a prosaic everyday food such as cold roast beef, eggs or carrots, into a dish that's really interesting. One of my pet ways of doing it is by means of sauces. Not complicated sauces. But easy ones that are fixed mostly from condensed soups already in themselves beautifully seasoned.

Here, for instance, is one such sauce that transforms simple poached eggs into a luncheon or supper dish you would be proud to set before anyone. It is delicious poured thickly over waffles, too. Or even over plain toast. Keep this in mind for those times when you must rustle up a meal or stretch out a meal for unexpected guests and "my dear, there was simply nothing in the house to eat." Well, the guests will never suspect it.

Shrimp and Celery Sauce, over Poached Eggs

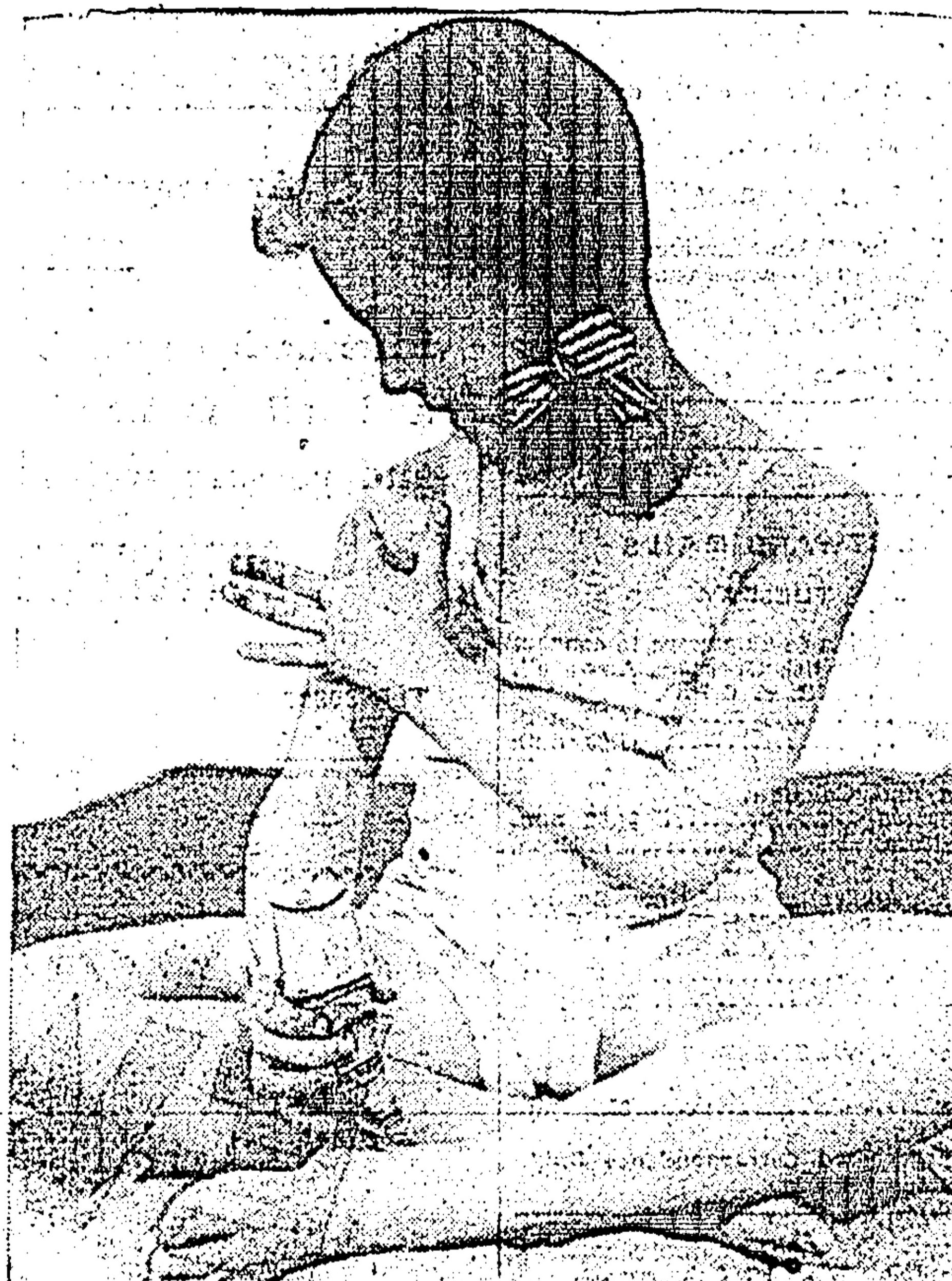
1 tablespoon butter

1 cup shrimps

1 can condensed celery soup.

1/4 cup milk or cream

Melt the butter and sauté the shrimps. Then add the celery soup with milk or cream and heat. A little chopped parsley may be added just before serving.



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Olive oil is a good conditioner for new babies, but as the child grows older into his second year, you will discover that one of the prepared sun creams or oils serve more efficaciously. But select one carefully for some of the commercial sunburn preventatives are too strong for young skins.

After Tanning

A child should never be allowed to play in the sun for long in skimpy play suit with skin exposed, without having had his skin adequately lubricated even after he has tanned. You don't want your child to grow up with a tough, discoloured skin, so prevent that. Keep it well anointed throughout the sunny days and as soon as he is old enough to learn, teach him to apply the protective before he runs out to play.

If A Child Burns

If your child burns from the least bit of sun, or if he has stayed out under it too long, do not use water to wash him. Sponge him with milk, for milk creates a lactic acid that softens and smoothes when it touches the skin. A butter milk bath cannot be beaten for it not only allays irritation, but it soothes and whitens the skin. Use it to wash your tiny tots whenever wind or sun has made their skin tender to the touch.

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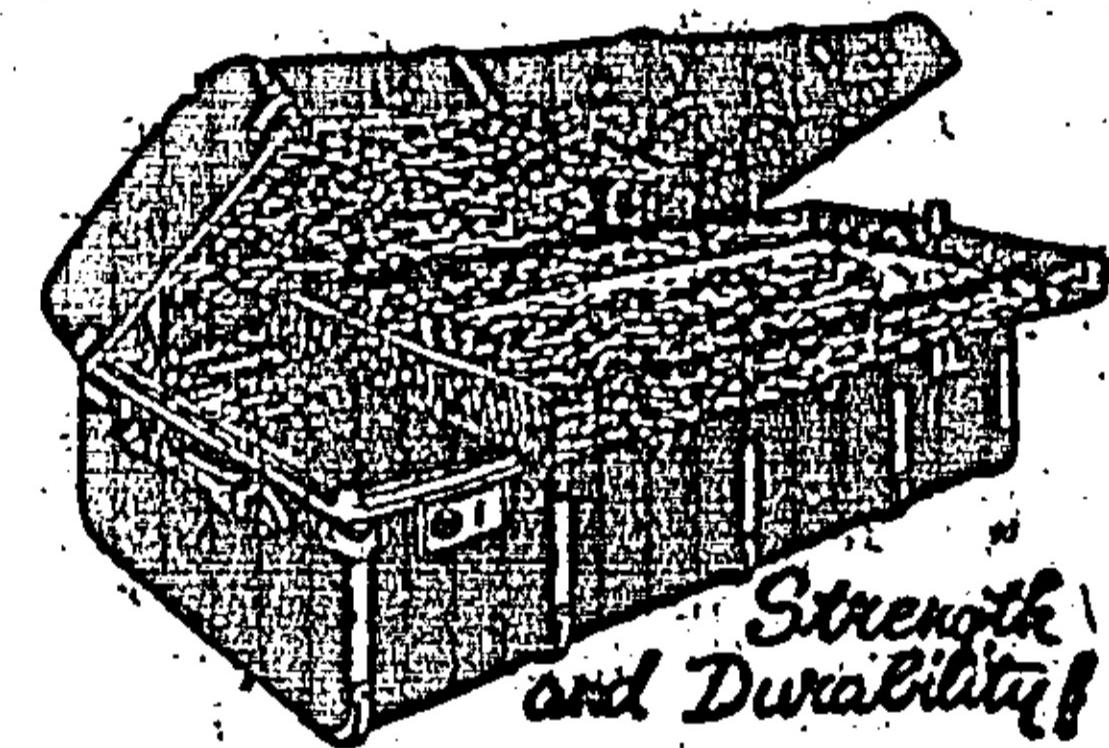
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1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Variety Programme.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.02 p.m.—Dance Music.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Topical Talks.

7.30 p.m.—A Band Concert with John Goss (Baritone) and The Cathedral Male Voice Quartet.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

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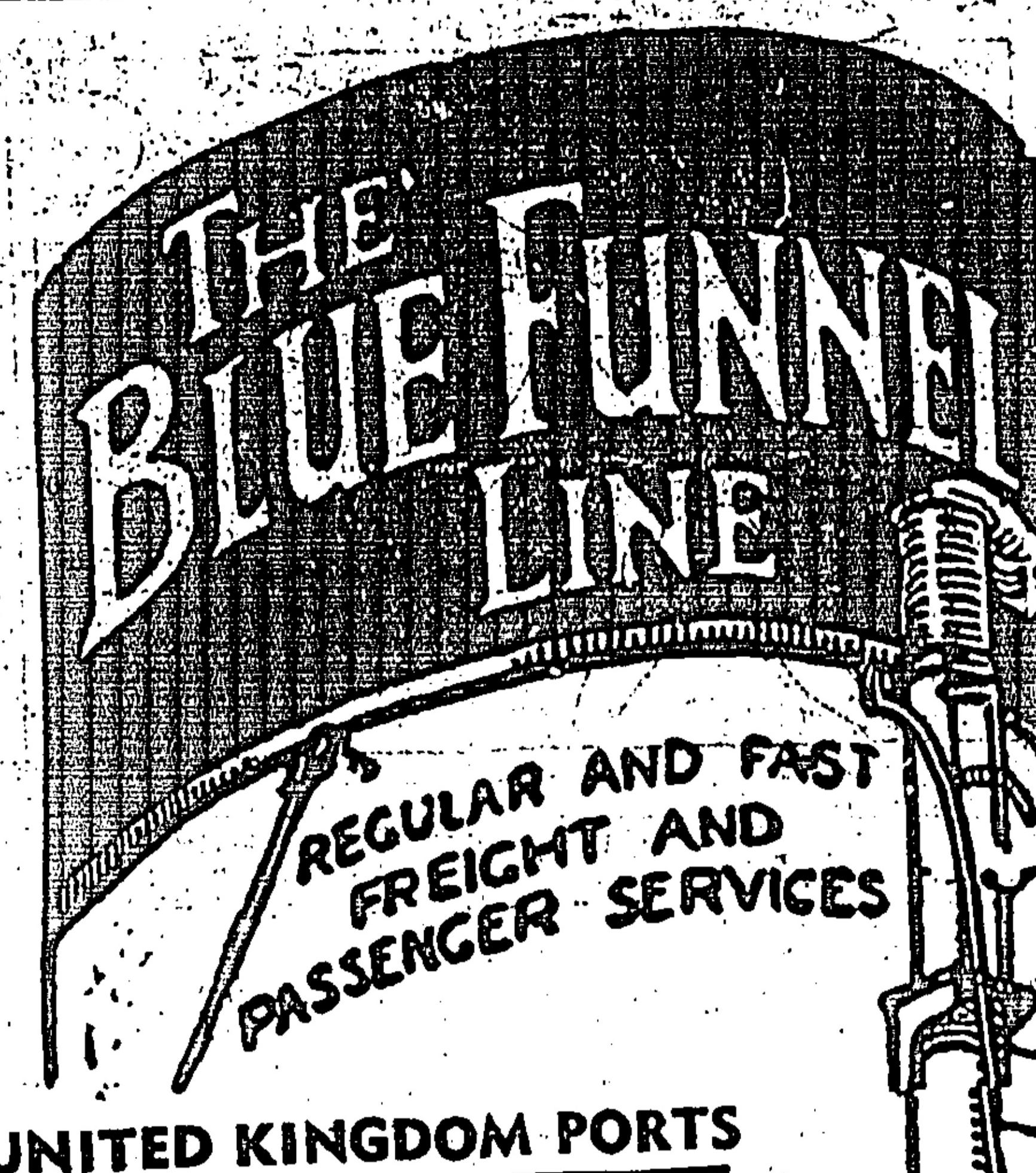
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentaries.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: “Scots Abroad”.

9.45 p.m.—Humorous and Variety Pro-

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THE MANILA INTERPORT, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN A PERFECT CONCLUSION TO A MOST SUCCESSFUL SWIMMING SEASON, BEING NOW DEFINITELY ABANDONED, SWIMMING ACTIVITY HAS COME TO AN ABRUPT END.

It cannot be denied that the season just concluded has been a most successful one, a point which is borne out by the excellent results obtained at the Colony Championships.

A review of the season reveals some amazing progress, especially among the ladies, a large number of whom have jumped almost direct from the novice class to championship standard. Miss Ho Wai-king of Chinese Bathing Club and Miss Jacqueline Anderson of V.R.C. are undoubtedly the most improved swimmers of the season, both reaching Interport standard, with only one season's training behind them!

Miss Ho Wai-king, for the first time in her swimming career, received coaching at C.B.C. early this year, her time for the 50 yards being then in the neighbourhood of 40 seconds. By dint of hard work she has climbed the ladder of success, rung by rung, her crowning achievement being the bettering of Miss Yeung Sau-king's National record of 1 min. 23 seconds for the 100 metres. Miss Ho swam the same distance in 1 min. 22-4/5 secs. at the recent Chinese Championships.

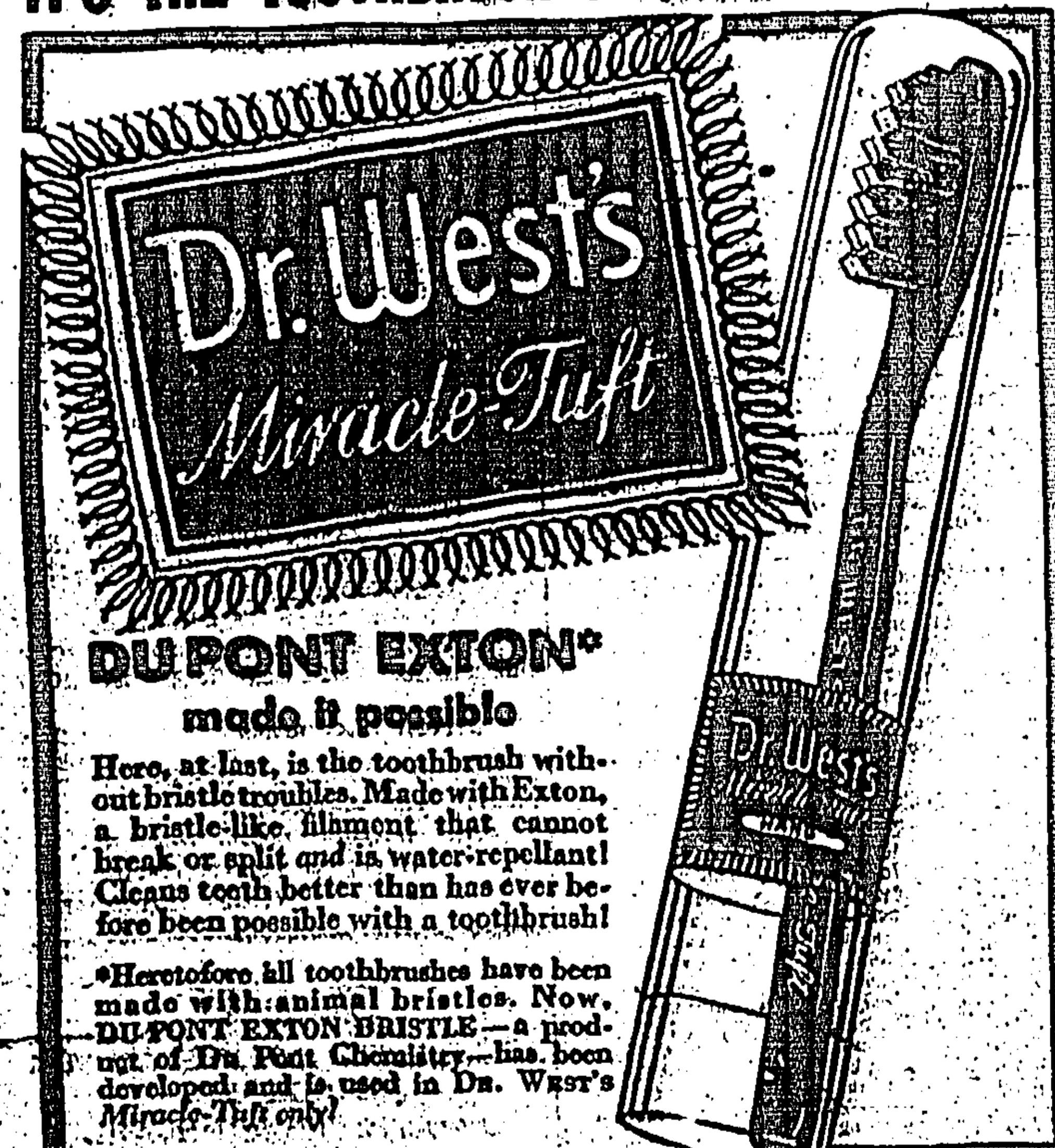
repeatedly good performances in the Colony Championships have almost been unbelievable.

Miss Ko Miu-ling of Lai-Tsun, the best Chinese lady sprinter, progressed fairly well during the course of the season, but is unfortunately not gifted with a strong physique, for which reason she has limited herself to the 50 metres event, over which distance she is at her best, having twice equalled the National record of 36 seconds.

Miss Ho Wai-man, of South China, who was placed in the 100 yards breast-stroke event in the Colony Championships, also de-

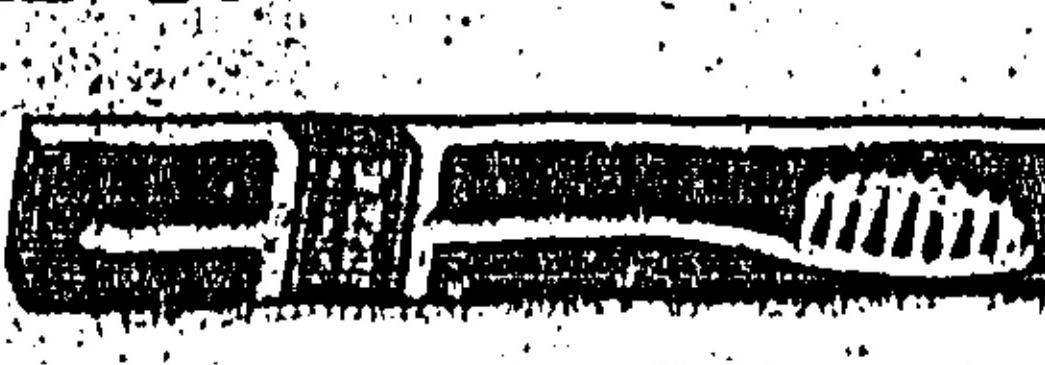
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LAI TSUN UNION CHAMPIONSHIPS

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| 1. 120 yards Medley relay. Open to the Colony.
2. 50 yards back-stroke. Junior members of Lai Tsun.
3. 50 metres free-style. Championship event for Men.
4. 100 yards breast-stroke. Championship for Men.
5. 50 metres free-style. Championship for Ladies.
6. 400 metres free-style. Championship for Men.
7. 50 yards free-style handicap. Members of Lai Tsun.
8. 100 yards free-style relay. Members of Lai Tsun.

FRIDAY | 12. 100 yards breast-stroke. Junior members of Lai Tsun.
13. 100 metres back-stroke. Championship for Men.
14. Long Plunge. Championship Event.
15. 220 yards free-style Handicap. Members of Lai Tsun.
16. 120 yards medley relay. Members of Lai Tsun.

SATURDAY |
| 9. 160 yards four styles relay. (Back, Breast, Side and Crawl strokes). Open to the Colony.
10. 100 yards breast-stroke. Championship for Ladies.
11. 100 metres free-style. Championship for Men. | 17. 160 yards free-style relay. Teams of four. Open to the Colony.
18. 100 metres back-stroke. Championship for Men.
19. 200 metres breast-stroke. Championship for Men.
20. 50 yards free-style. Junior members of Lai Tsun.
21. 1,500 metres free-style. Championship event.
22. 100 yards breast-stroke Handicap. Members of Lai Tsun. |

The prizes will be distributed at the conclusion of the sports by Mr. Yuen Ying-fai.

Time of starting on each day will be 8 p.m.

serves mention for her sudden rise to prominence, in view of the fact that she only learned to swim at the beginning of the season. She has since concentrated on the breast-stroke, and recently won the Chinese Harbour Race, which is over a mile. Her rise to success has perhaps been due to the unending competition put up by her team-mate Ngan Suet-ye, whom she has always just managed to beat at all their club galas.

Miss Lee Po-luen, whom everybody knows as the breast-stroke champion, is still the best in that class, but will be having serious opposition with the butterfly-stroke. She is known to be practising this stroke occasionally, and perhaps next season will see her adopt it.

Miss Au Disappoints

Miss Au Mei-chuen, of whom great things were expected, has been a great disappointment, in that she has not improved a bit. Miss Lily Sadick and Miss Ip Chui-man have also had an unprofitable season, and although the former is the undisputed back-stroke champion, her overall times during the season have not shown improvement. Another swimmer who was just making the grade at the close of the season was Miss Woo Man-ying, who only commenced competing in breast-stroke events last month, being seen for the first time in the Eastern Athletic Association's Annual Championships.

Her progress will be interesting to watch next season, especially as she is having tuition from Kwok Chan-hang, one time Colony champion and record holder.

Miss Celeste Guterres also aroused the interest of the swimming public when she won the 440 yards free-style. She later annexed the Harbour title in record time.

Among the men, perhaps David Hutchinson has shown most improvement. In his first season of competition, last year, competent critics forecasted his rise to championship standard, basing their judgment on his natural ability; they have not been disappointed. For he won the 100 yards free-style championship in record time.

Ng In Class Of Own

For the best all-round performances, Ng Nin stands alone, and was selected as first string for the Interport Individual medley event. His success is chiefly due to his foresight in being one of the first to master the butterfly-stroke, which has during the year attained official sanction and is gaining in popularity daily.

In any swimming review it is impossible to omit Chan Chun-nam, long distance swimming marvel, who is easily the most popular swimmer.

Besides having lowered all the National distance records he captured all the long distance titles this year, in three of which he set records. His major achieve-

C.A.A.F. TO HOLD GALA

(By "Natator")

At this late hour, news has come to hand of the last-minute decision of the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation to hold their Annual Championships, which have been delayed for some time.

Swimmers from South China, Chinese Bathing Club and Chinese Y.M.C.A. will not be participating. The Chung Shing Benevolent Society and the Eastern Athletic Association swimmers only are expected to take part, the other major clubs, including the three mentioned above, having withdrawn their support of the Federation some time ago.

Cause of this sudden decision is not yet known, and Chinese swimmers, even those who were supposed to be in the know, are greatly surprised. The contest is not expected to be as successful as the recent Chinese Championships, but some good times should be returned, mainly by Ng Nin.

It is doubtful, however, whether it is a wise step to organise the contest at this stage of the season when sea conditions are unfavourable, and most of the swimmers have given up swimming in favour of some winter sport.

A.S.C. "A" WIN

Army Service Corps "A" beat Service Corps "B" by 22 shots to 19 in the "China Mail" Charity Cup bowls competition at Kowloon Bowling Green Club yesterday.

"B" scored at only eight heads and had a five at the eighth head and another at the 17th to lead 19-16, but "A" scored 3 1 1 1 to win by 22-19.

A.S.C. "A" **A.S.C. "B"**
F. Cullen F. Flippance
W. Hyde H. V. Pearse
J. G. Meyer E. Tuck
E. Kern C. S. Rossetti
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MILLWALL MANAGER SUSPENDED

Following an enquiry by a joint Commission of the F. A. and Football League, appointed as a result of alleged irregularities reported by the directors of Millwall, Mr. Charles Hewitt, the Millwall manager, has been suspended for six months.

Mr. J. W. G. Conquest, former assistant secretary, was severely censured.

Charles Hewitt says: "I have been in consultation with my solicitors. There is an action at law pending. I am confident that my honour and my integrity will be completely vindicated."

R.A.S.C. BEATEN

In the second round of the Small Units knock-out football competition yesterday, R.A.S.C. lost to "C" Coy. Royal Scots by 3 goals to 2. Hossack (2) and one of the R.A.S.C. scored for Royal and Morgan and Sadler for the Corps, who led 2-0.

MISS LEE PO-LUEN

Ernie Bonham, New York Yankees rookie, pitcher-up from Kansas City, takes a few warm-up pitches with an iron ball. The real ball then feels lighter to him.

Every time Jimmy Fox, of Boston Red Sox hits a Homer, he receives a big lobster from a Massachusetts fisherman.

The Kowloon Chess Club's senior and junior championships will commence this week, the former on Thursday and the latter today.

In the Navy Cup polo competition yesterday, Dakota, represented by Wilson, Bompas, Chatley and Atkinson beat Angels, Morgan, Lewis, Hunt and Hancock, 10-4. Seven of the goals were scored by Wilson, Chatley, Morgan, Bompas (2), Hunt and Lewis, (2) scored the other goals.

New Golf Champion's Bad Luck At The 13th Tee Shot Out Of Bounds And Takes Seven

ALEC PEARCE'S golf triumph on Sunday—he won the Colony Championship by one stroke from O. E. C. Marton, four times winner—was indeed a popular one, and the fact that his two sons—John, who has a similar swing to that of Alec, tied for fourth place—were in the first five must have been a source of great satisfaction to "Tam", who was a brilliant all-rounder in his youth.

ALEC'S morning round of 80 would have been better had he not run into trouble at the 13th, where he had a seven as against a par three. His tee shot went out of bounds and he took five shots to reach the green, where he had two putts. In the afternoon round he had a good drive at the 15th (The Arm Chair), but, despite a nice shot, was bunkered and took five as against par four. At the 16th he had an indifferent tee shot, but chipped up nicely for a par three. He duffed his drive at the 18th, but had a magnificent second shot to the back of the green. He was on in three and took two putts.

This is his first Open success, his previous best being his success in a Jasper Clark Cup competition which included O. E. C. Marton among the entrants.

Pearce, who has captained Hong Kong's Interport cricket team against Shanghai, is a very useful tennis player, has played soccer for Club, Rugby at Home, and lawn

TWO FINE CRICKETERS HONOURED

MESSRS. H. R. B. HANCOCK AND T. E. PEARCE, TWO OF THE FINEST CRICKETERS SEEN IN HONG KONG WERE ELECTED LIFE MEMBERS OF HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING YESTERDAY.

In making the proposal, Mr. H. Owen-Hughes said that the articles of the Club permitted only six Life Members at any one time, and it was with the greatest pleasure that he proposed the election of two members who had done so much for the Club both on and off the field.

He went on to say that Mr. Hancock captained the Interport cricket team in 1901 and played till 1933, and those who had had the pleasure of playing with him will remember his easy and free type of play.

Mr. Pearce, he said, played Interport cricket as far back as 1903, and all those who have bowled against Mr. Pearce will agree that there was no one who seemed to have a wider bat.

It was not only on the field, he continued, that the two had done service to the Club. Both had given their best in the interests of the Club at all times.

Great Surprise

In reply, Mr. Hancock said that the proposal came as a great surprise. It was a pleasant thought, however, to know that what he had done for the Club had been appreciated, and explained that though he was no longer active at cricket he always had the interest of the game and Club at heart.

Mr. Pearce said that he joined the Club 38 years ago and had met some of his best friends in the Far East in that Club. This was the most appreciative honour bestowed on him, he said.

During his review of the year, Mr. Hancock said:

"I am afraid that we must wait till we have won the War before again considering the possibilities of Interport Cricket."

Mr. H. R. B. Hancock was re-elected president of the Club and last year's committee, composed of Messrs. T. E. Pearce, H. Owen-Hughes, E. J. R. Mitchell, T. S. Whyte-Smith, V. R. Gordon, T. A. Pearce, G. W. Sewell, A. C. I. Bowker, and T. C. Monaghan, were re-elected on bloc.

LESLIE ADAMS RETIRES

Leslie Adams, the famous Rugby League international scrum-half, has retired from the game. Adams has the unique record of winning a Challenge Cup medal with three clubs—Leeds (1932), Huddersfield (1933), and Castleford (1935).

LARGEST FORWARD PASSES

THE RECENT DEATH OF THE FAMOUS INTERNATIONAL RUGBY PLAYER BRIG. H. C. HARRISON, THOUGH IT DID NOT HAPPEN IN ACTION, HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO PASS PRACTICALLY UNNOTICED, WRITES A. L. S. IN "THE DAILY SKETCH".

Time was when "Dreadnought," as he was known to everybody, was one of the best as well as most popular forwards playing. Had his era been during the last 10 years he would have been chosen without opposition for every England 15.

Brig. Harrison was the only man who played in representative Navy v. Army matches for both sides. As a Royal Marine on shore he was in the Army scrum, but when he was afloat they used to land him to put on a blue jersey.

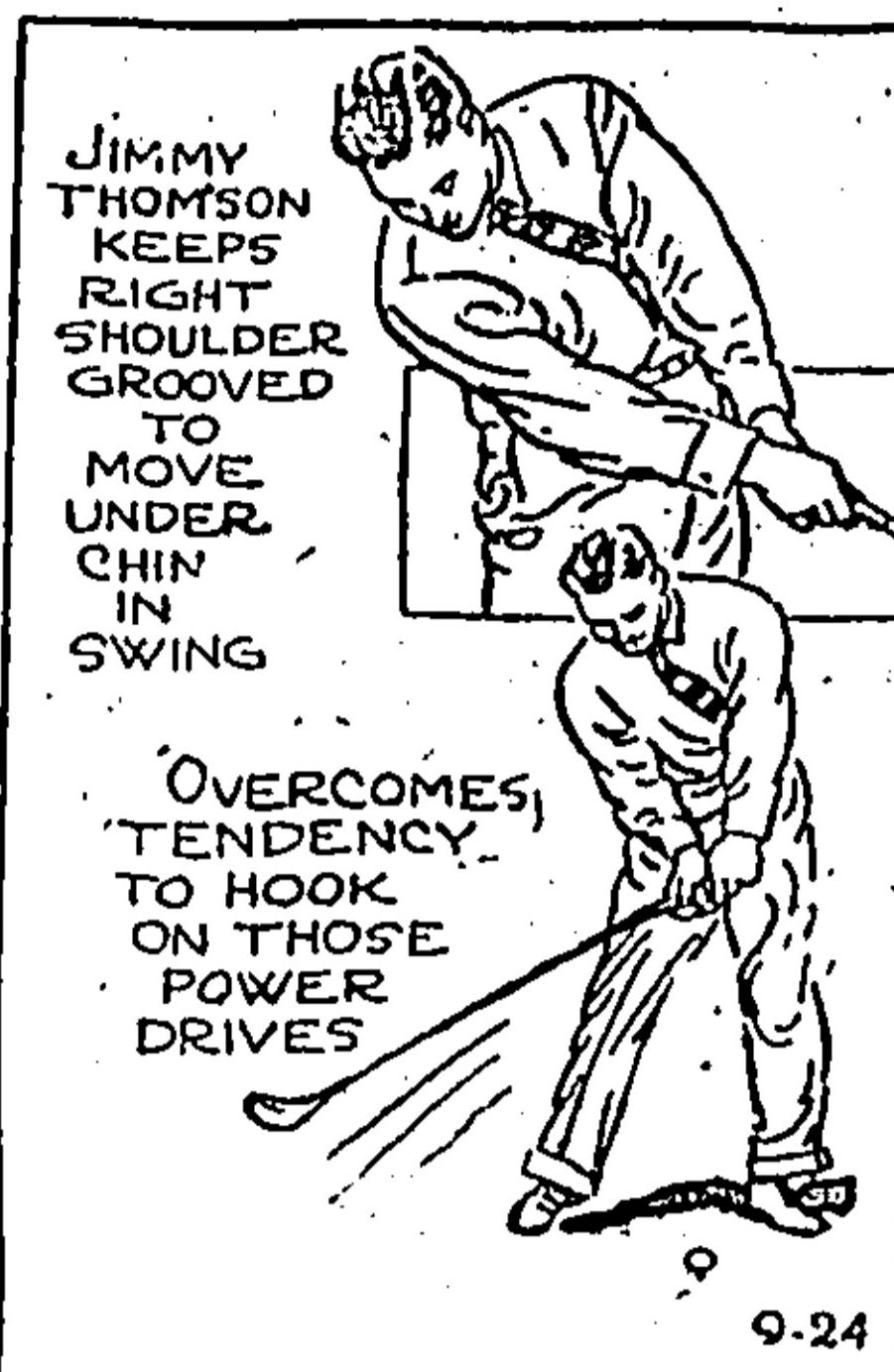
The largest forward ever seen in any of our home union fifteen, "Dreadnor" played four times for England, in 1910 and 1914, which shows how difficult it was to get caps in those days.

Brig. H. C. Harrison had a multitude of friends during his brief stay in Hong Kong.

CLUB "A" FIFTEEN

Club "A" to meet Army "A" in the Rugby match at the Valley-to-morrow, commencing at 5 p.m., sharp, is as follows: H. F. Hopkins; H. van Leeuwen, M. G. Cartwrights, D. Hynes and P. B. Wilson; T. O. Morgan and F. J. C. Clemo; J. Moodie, W. Stoker, A. M. Kennedy; R. G. Gardner, C. F. Needham; J. M. Thomson, G. B. Godfrey and A. G. Dalziel. J. Redman will be the referee.

GRAPHIC GOLF



CURING A HOOK

BY BEST BALL

When one goes out for a little extra distance in his shots, he may without knowing it let his right shoulder come around after his left. The result is a hook as Jimmy Thomson, hard driving professional, found out through experience. He also found out through experience that if he made his right shoulder make a path under his chin as he came into the ball, the hook would go away. Such a manoeuvre brings the clubhead onto the sphere at right angles and dispatches it straight ahead along the line of flight.

Those golfers who hook, when they go all out on the power shots, might be making the same error which characterised Thomson's play. The cure is the same, let the right shoulder travel under the chin. If the action is too fast to give this point particular attention, try concentrating on a follow that will bring the hands high in the air. This will automatically make the right shoulder follow this path.

Next Article: — Weighted Putter.

Although Ted Lyons has been bothered by chronic appendicitis for four or five years, Chicago White Sox pitcher refuses to undergo an operation.

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GREEKS CONFER WITH U.S.

After a conference with Mr. Cordell Hull, the U.S. Secretary of State, in Washington yesterday, the Greek Minister stated he had not presented formal notice that a state of war existed with Italy.

He said general views on the Greek situation were exchanged at the conference.—Reuter.

U.S. APPLIES NEUTRALITY ACT

The United States is applying the Neutrality Act to Greece.

President Roosevelt reached Newark on his way from New York to Washington yesterday, and is reported to have had telephone discussions with Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney-General.

The President was to make two speeches last night and his secre-

Flares Light Way For Destruction

THE WORLD-FAMOUS Skoda armament works, at Pilsen, in Czechoslovakia, were successfully attacked by R.A.F. bombers during Sunday night, an Air Ministry announcement revealed in London yesterday.

The raid, which was the first R.A.F. attack on this huge arms plant, ended in the early morning yesterday, the twenty-second anniversary of the founding of the Czechoslovakian State.

The Skoda works are one of the three biggest armament factories in the world, covering 400 acres, and employing 50,000 workers. It fell into German hands at the time of the occupation in March, 1939.

When the British raiders were near the target after the 750-mile flight from the English coast visibility was so bad that they spent an hour searching

for it before the great plant was seen silhouetted against the snow-covered ground. Fierce fires and explosions followed the attacks, says the Air Ministry, and a pilot who made three separate runs, bombing by the light of flares dropped by other aircraft, reported that all his heavy bombs found their mark.

Incendiaries

These were quickly followed by incendiary bombs which set fire to damaged buildings.

This is one of the most ambitious bombing raids carried out by the R.A.F. who prepared for such long-distance flights, with leaflet raids into Czechoslovakia and Austria in the early days of the war.—Reuter.

GREEK WAR BREVITIES

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Yugoslavia Neutral

Preliminary reports from Belgrade say that Yugoslavia will probably adopt a neutral attitude, while no general mobilisation has been ordered in Bulgaria, although the country's first A.R.P. measures have been announced.—Reuter.

Bulgaria Perturbed

It is reported from Belgrade that the Italians have captured Kotur, six miles within Greece.

It is also reported from Sofia that the Sobranje (Bulgarian Parliament) was summoned for an emergency session in the afternoon.—Reuter.

Italian Fleet To Be Forced Out

Satisfaction was expressed in Washington yesterday that Britain has so rapidly fulfilled the terms of her guarantee to Greece.

The hope is expressed that the extension of hostilities will force the Italian fleet into the open.—Reuter.

KING'S MESSAGE

A MESSAGE FROM KING GEORGE VI TO "THE GREEK NATION AND MY COUSIN GEORGE, KING OF THE HELENES," SAYS:

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TURKS IN THE WAR? SEA BATTLE OFF CORFU REPORTED

APART FROM VARIOUS ITALIAN AIR RAIDS ON DIFFERENT PARTS OF GREECE DURING THE DAY YESTERDAY, A BELGRADE MESSAGE ALSO REPORTED NAVAL ACTION NEAR CORFU.

Greek and Italian warships are said to have clashed when the Italians tried to occupy Corfu.

There is little reliable news as yet as regards the land operations, but the attack seems likely to be pressed in two places.

The first will probably be from the south end of Albania, in the direction of Janina, which itself would be the main objective.

The other will probably come in the north, possibly first against Kastoria or Florina, near the Yugoslav border, with Salonika as the main objective.

In both places, the Italians will have to overcome mountainous country.

Italian troops have been stationed in Albania for some time and have probably accumulated sufficient ammunition and stores to make them independent of sea communications.

They are thought to comprise some 10 or 11 divisions of about 200,000 men, including one armoured division and one crack "Alpine" division. — Reuter.

FIVE NAZI AIRMEN RESCUED

Five German airmen came ashore in a rubber boat on Sunday night between two East African coast villages. — Reuter.

WEYGAND AT DAKAR

General Weygand arrived at Dakar, Africa, yesterday, says Lyons radio quoted by Reuter.

LIMITED AIR RAIDS ON BRITAIN

Enemy air activity over Britain yesterday has been on a very limited scale, a few bombs being dropped at scattered points in East Anglia and south-east England.

Casualties appear to be very few, states an Air Ministry communiqué, and very little damage has been done. — Reuter.

British Air And Naval Aid To Greece

(By Reuter's Military Correspondent)

'PLANES AND MEN sent by air and sea in the recent past to reinforce the R.A.F. in the Middle East should not be long in joining battle with the Italians to protect Greece.'

While the Italian threat to Egypt was the major motive for the steps taken to increase the power of the R.A.F. there, I understand that Italy's latest move was clearly foreseen at the time.

The fact remains that the R.A.F. is now faced with the beginning of its sternest task—fooling, with the British Navy and Army, the Axis drive to the East and the oil that Hitler and Mussolini need so badly.

The necessity to prevent a dispersal of effort which could be used to better effect elsewhere must limit the extent of immediate help that can be given Greece in the air.

Naval Action

All that can possibly be done at once will be done.

The British Navy is almost certain to be the first to answer Greece's call for "certain assistance" and with it will move the Fleet Air Arm.

The Greek air force is modelled on the R.A.F. and equipped with British and French planes. It is sturdy but desperately small.

British fighters have gone to the Near East in a steady stream for some time and heavy bombers could operate from Alexandria, Haifa or Cyprus.

But the offensive like the defensive power of the R.A.F. fighting besides the Greeks, will be immeasurably improved by the use of landing grounds such as in Greece from which medium bombers and fighters could operate against the invader at shorter range.

Greeks Stubborn

Main weight of the Italian attack appears to be directed against Florina, near the principal pass leading out of the Albanian mountains.

Greek troops are resisting stubbornly all along the line and have even advanced at one point into Albania.

The Italians also appear to be making a second thrust towards Epirus.

Italian troops in Albania are estimated at about 180,000 equipped with 250 tanks. — Reuter.

CHURCH MAGNETS FOR NAZI BOMBS

The Bishop of London stated at the Diocesan Conference yesterday that 32 London churches had been destroyed or rendered unusable by air raids; 47 seriously damaged and very many more less seriously damaged. — Reuter.

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HITLER LEAVES FLORENCE

Hitler, after his meeting with Mussolini, left Florence for Germany at 6 o'clock last evening.—Reuter.

GERMAN AIR LOSS

It was stated authoritatively in London yesterday that German losses in aircraft over Britain during the week ending midnight on Oct. 26, totalled 39, of which at least eight were shot down at night.

British losses were 18 aircraft and nine pilots.—Reuter.

assure General Metaxas, the Greek Premier, that Britain will give Greece all possible assistance in defending herself against the Italian aggression.—Reuter.

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GREEK WAR BREVITIES

THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE BRITISH G.O.C., MIDDLE EAST, MAJOR-GENERAL A. F. SMITH, WAS DUE TO ARRIVE IN ANKARA, TURKEY, BY AIR YESTERDAY.

Major-General Smith is to have conversations with the Deputy Chief of the Turkish General Staff.

Athens Raid Alarm

A second air raid alarm sounded in Athens at 2.10 yesterday afternoon and lasted 50 minutes. Anti-aircraft guns were in action.—Reuter.

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HITLER TO TRY AND WIN OVER LEOPOLD?

The belief in Berlin that Hitler may shortly meet King Leopold of the Belgians was reported by the Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm "Tidningen" yesterday. The message adds that neither confirmation nor denial can be obtained. — Reuter.

ITALIAN CAMP STRAFED

A successful attack on an enemy encampment in Abyssinia was announced in a communiqué issued in Nairobi last night.

The communiqué says that on Oct. 26 South African aircraft attacked a military encampment at Maji, Abyssinia, which was bombed and machine-gunned, and scored direct hits on buildings in the target area with heavy bombs, causing fires and large explosions.

Despite heavy A.A. and M.G. fire from the ground all our aircraft were unscathed.

Other units of the South African Air Force carried out extensive reconnaissances on Oct. 25 and 26 but there is nothing to report. — Reuter.

NEW GOVERNOR OF MACAO ARRIVES

Commander Gabriel Maurice Teixeira, the newly appointed

ITALY'S FORCE IN ALBANIA

The Italians have now in Albania ten or eleven divisions and some auxiliary troops, numbering 200,000 altogether, Reuter learns in authoritative quarters in London.

Foodstuffs and communications have been prepared in order to avoid reliance on sea communications, and it is known there has been considerable road construction near the frontier in readiness for an advance.

Biggest concentration of troops is at Argyrocastro, and the second largest at Koritza. It would therefore appear that the Italians are planning a double advance, first along a line parallel to the coast and to the west of Janina, with that town as the main objective, and the second from Koritza towards Salonika.

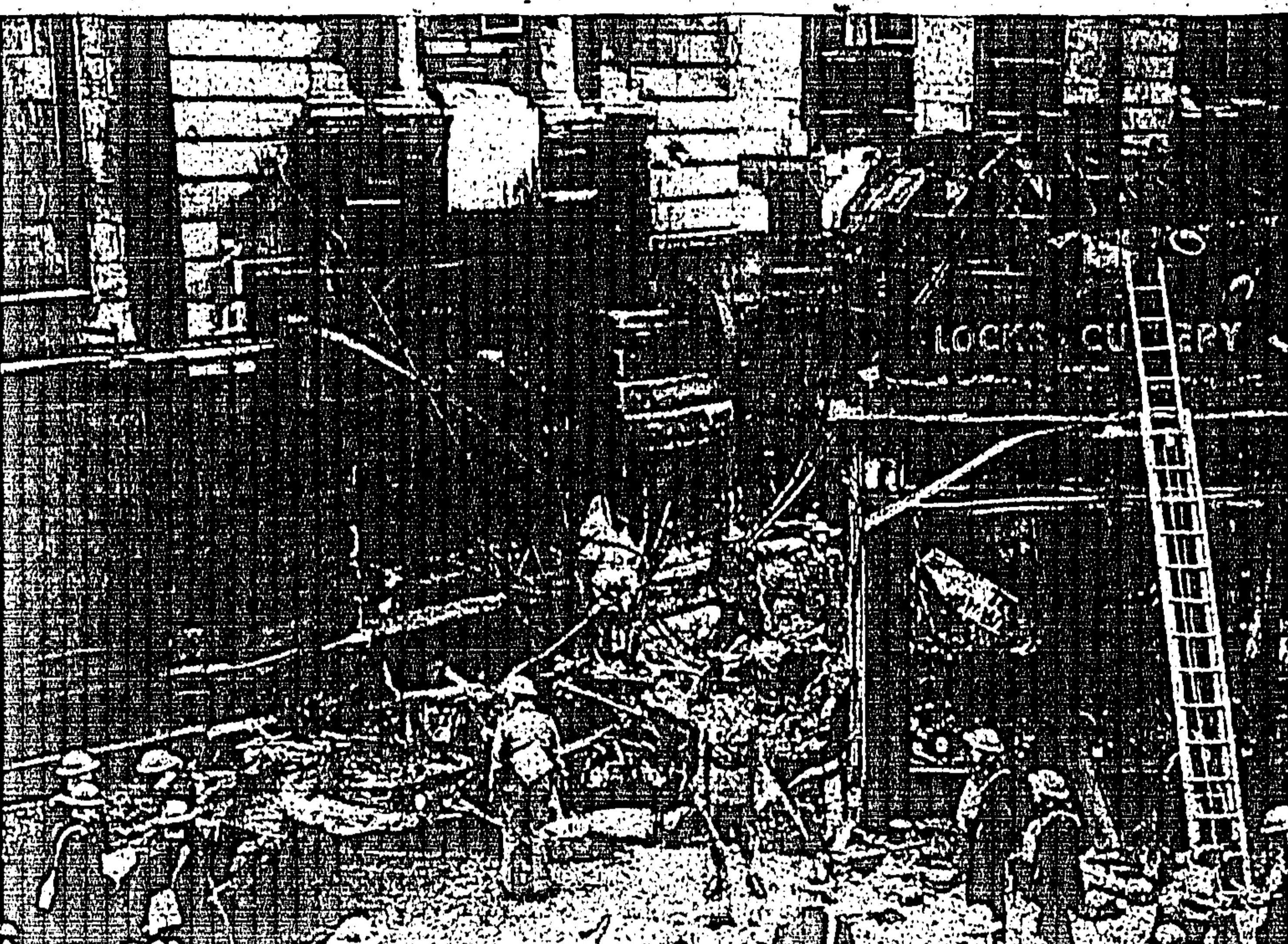
Main Defence Line

The Janina route offers few natural difficulties and is believed to be less strongly defended whereas an advance from Koritza would encounter mountain barriers and the Greek army's main defence line.

On the other hand it would constitute a more formidable threat to Greece.

The Greek land army is a competent fighting force and is likely to give a good account of itself, but it suffers from a shortage of modern equipment while the Greek air force is weak in numbers. — Reuter.

Governor of Macao, arrived in the Colony at 7 a.m. to-day on his way to the Portuguese Colony. He was met and welcomed by Mr. F. P. de V. Soares, acting Portuguese Consul-General in Hong Kong.



During a recent raid on London, a German Dornier bomber was brought down in the heart of London. The fuselage and wings fell on a roof top near a Station and the undercarriage fell outside the station. Photo shows all that was left of the German bomber. (Copyright, Fox).

ITALY'S THREE-HOUR ULTIMATUM: GREEK APPEAL TO BRITAIN

GREEK AND ITALIAN forces are now engaged in a battle by land, sea and air, following the Italian attack at dawn yesterday. Greek determination to resist has been shown by many popular demonstrations, carried out even during air-raids, and by the Greek Government's statement that it has full confidence in Britain's response to an appeal for certain assistance.

The authorities have issued instructions to organise A.R.P. and food and water supplies and say that there are ample supplies of food. Hoarding is forbidden.

LAVAL IN CONTROL OF FOREIGN POLICY

FROM VICHY COMES NEWS THAT M. BAUDOUIN HAS RESIGNED FROM THE POST OF FOREIGN MINISTER, AND HE IS NOW TO BE MINISTER OF STATE ATTACHED TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL. The post of Foreign Minister is being taken over by M. Laval, the Vice-Premier, who is also to control radio services.

M. Laval has now left for Paris for further discussions with the Germans, and will be joined there by General Huntzinger, Vichy Minister of War.

Yesterday morning, following meetings of the Cabinet and the Council of Ministers, a decree was issued forbidding Frenchmen to listen to British broadcasts in public places.

The Governor of Tunisia was informed that no change in the status of his Colony is contemplated. Amongst other things, Tunisia has the important Mediterranean naval base of Bizerte. — Reuter.

When the Italian Minister presented the ultimatum yesterday calling on the Greeks to allow the Fascists to occupy "certain strategic points," General Metaxas asked what these points were.

The Italian Minister had to reply he did not know!

General Metaxas then said that the Italian note represented an ultimatum which the Greek Government took as a declaration of war.

The Italian Minister said that the Italian troops would start moving at 6 a.m.

In addition to receiving the British Minister, General Metaxas also saw the Ministers of Yugoslavia and Turkey and had a 15-minute telephone conversation with M. Inanu, President of Turkey.

The order for general mobilisation and the sending of an appeal to Britain were among the first steps taken. — Reuter.

Imposed But Not Accepted

Fascist reformation of France has merely been outlined, without an "consenting echo" from the people of France, while clinging hopefully to British resistance and admiring the rebel General de Gaulle.

This statement by the "Popolo d'Italia," the Rome newspaper, was quoted in a cable from the New York "Herald-Tribune" correspondent in the Italian capital yesterday.

The correspondent adds that General de Gaulle has achieved considerable popularity and the desire of Frenchmen for revenge and hatred for Italy make her long for the failure of the Italian campaign. — Reuter.

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ITALIAN NOTE

An admission that a Note was presented to the Greek Government in the early hours of yesterday morning was made on the official Italian radio during the afternoon.

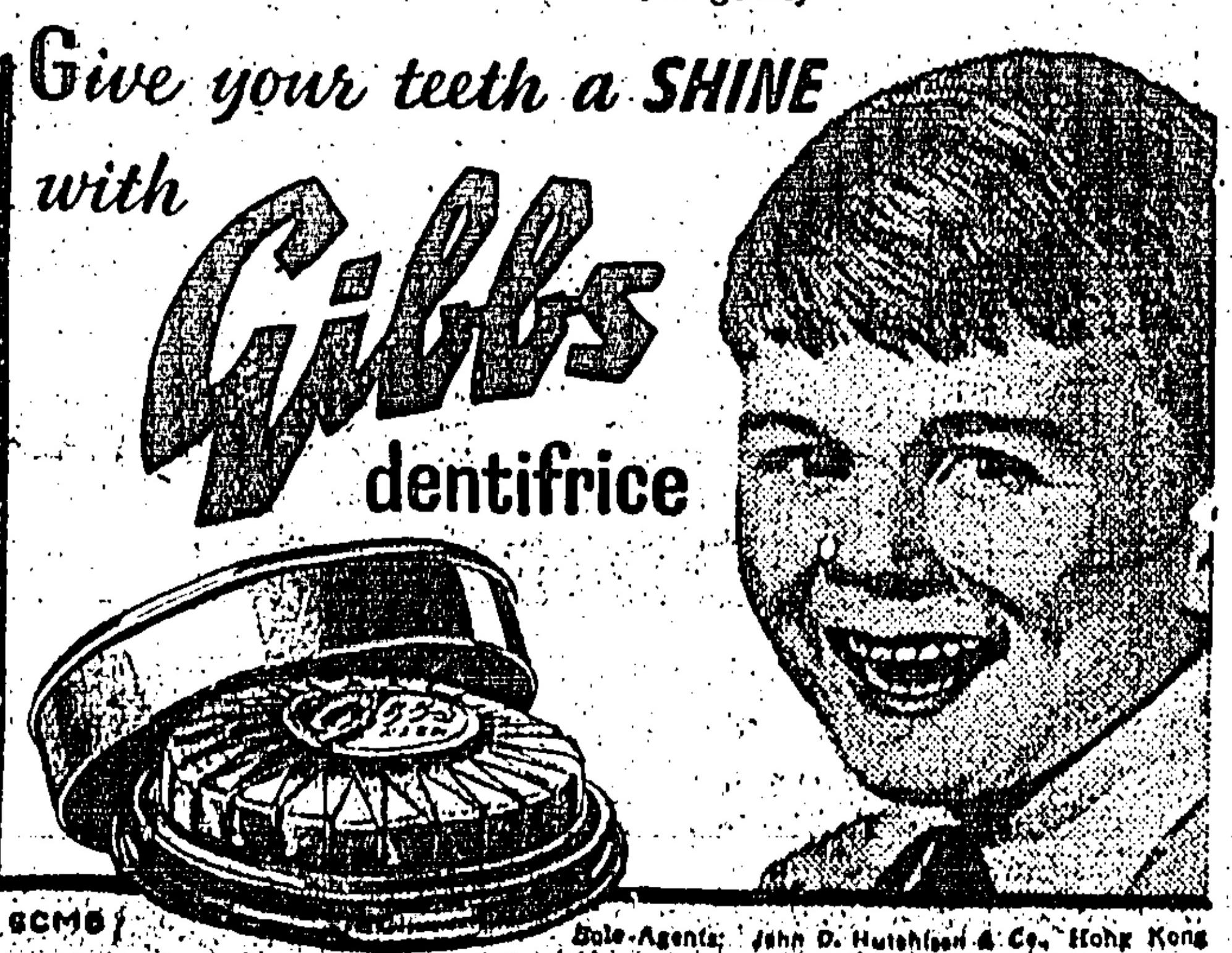
No mention was made of any Italian demands on Greece but it was announced that the Note accused Greece of allowing Britain to use naval and air bases in Greek Islands and Macedonia, and warned the Greek Government of the "dangers of such a policy." — Reuter.

\$250 REWARD

A reward of \$250 has been offered by the Police for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who killed with a chopper an inmate of the Government Squatters' Camp at Jardine's Lookout in Tsimshau last Tuesday night.



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Empress Of Britain Was Afire From End To End

Nazi'Planes Attack 700 Miles Off The Irish Coast

SURVIVORS FROM THE "EMPEROR OF BRITAIN" WHO WERE LANDED AT A WESTERN ENGLISH PORT ON SUNDAY, DECLARED THE LINER WAS BOMBED 700 MILES OFF IRELAND ON SATURDAY MORNING.

The enemy aircraft then disappeared but returned and dropped four more bombs, including incendiaries.

A number of people were killed when bombs exploded and some of the ship's lifeboats caught fire and could not be lowered, but as there was little danger of the ship sinking immediately, there was plenty of time for passengers to take to the lifeboats before the liner was completely ablaze from stern to stern.

The last were taken off some six hours after the attack.

In the meantime there was no panic, women and children calmly obeying instructions to remain below until it was time to leave.

The youngest passenger was a boy 11 months old who was clapped to a sailor's back to go down the ladder into the boat.

Rafts Out Of Doors:

Captain Charles Sapsworth, the commander, stood on the bridge couraging his gunners as they battled with the raider until all were killed or wounded and the ship was out of action.

Capt. Sapsworth is believed to be among the survivors.

The crew made rafts out of cabin doors in case the boats proved insufficient.

A member of the crew declared the raider machine-gunned passengers after the ship's anti-aircraft guns were out of action.

He praised the women stewards who, he said, behaved marvellously.

Flying Boat Aids:

An R.A.F. man repaired the damaged engine of a lifeboat and was used to tug the heavy boats from place to place, picking up survivors, while a naval officer on board the liner led a party of men through the flames to smoke to lower a lifeboat which saved many lives.

A British flyingboat spotted the burning liner and brought two boats to the rescue.—Reuter.

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BLENHEIMS GET IN AMONGST INVASION PORTS

A BIG SHARE in Sunday's R.A.F. air operations is stated in an Air Ministry news bulletin to have been taken by Coastal Command Blenheims. One force scored repeated direct hits on one of the power stations at the naval base at Lorient.

The night was very dark but the first aircraft dropped a salvo of bombs which caused a great explosion followed by a fire glow visible 35 miles away and which served as an effective guide, and with the added help of flares one of the following aircraft made a direct hit on the power station.

Later in the attack another Blenheim made more direct hits with a salvo.

"I heard the bomb-alarm say the bombs had gone," said the pilot. "Then I heard him shout, 'We've hit it.' My observer reported an explosion and a big blue flash from the power station after our bombs had burst."

Another Blenheim of the Coastal Command, patrolling the French coast, bombed Querqueville aerodrome, near Cherbourg, and scored direct hits on a hangar.

Another Blenheim of the Coastal Command, patrolling the Dutch coast, bombed German supply ships, "shot up" the crew of a big coastal gun and fought three Messerschmidts on the way home.

When the Blenheim emerged from cloud over Den Helder there were a number of ships in the docks below. The pilot dived and bombed them from only a few hundred feet.

Fighters Beaten Off

A little later he observed a big gun emplacement thoroughly. The gun crew scattered and ran for cover but several were hit.

When the Blenheim set course for its base it was attacked from

BULGARIA HOPES TO STAY NEUTRAL!

"Our policy to-day is one of neutrality and definitely there is no reason to believe it will change," declared a Bulgarian diplomat to Reuter in London yesterday.



Home Guard men, taking an intensive course in modern methods of warfare, are seen here learning how to deal with dive bombers. This picture was taken at Osterley Park, Home Guard training school, where ingenious apparatus has been devised to swing a model bomber down in a realistic dive over the heads of gunners, who "blaze away" at it with their rifles. (Copyright, Fox).

KWANGSI OPERATION

Sweeping successes have been scored in the Chinese offensive in south Kwangsi.

Lungchow, important communication centre on the Indo-China border, was recaptured at 5.30 a.m. yesterday, while another Chinese column took Mingkiang, south-west of Lungchow. Sulin on the Tso River was regained at noon.

On the Piryang-Nanning highway the Chinese re-occupied Santang, Chinyuling and Tatowling. Japanese aircraft dumped tons of explosives upon the Chinese and Japanese reinforcements launched counter-attacks at Kanhu, Yiling and Tenghsiang, but failed to check the Chinese attacks.—Central News.

CAIRO REACTIONS

INFORMED POLITICAL CIRCLES IN CAIRO WERE NOT SURPRISED BY THE ITALIAN INVASION OF GREECE BUT THE NEWS CAME AS A SHOCK TO ORDINARY EGYPTIANS.

Faith in Mussolini's word is no longer felt by Egyptians or foreigners. It is recalled that on Italy's entry into the war Mussolini stressed he had no designs on Yugoslavia, Switzerland, Egypt or Greece.—Reuter.

RAID ON KUNMING

Thirteen Japanese planes raided Kunming yesterday morning. About twenty civilians were killed and wounded.—Central News.

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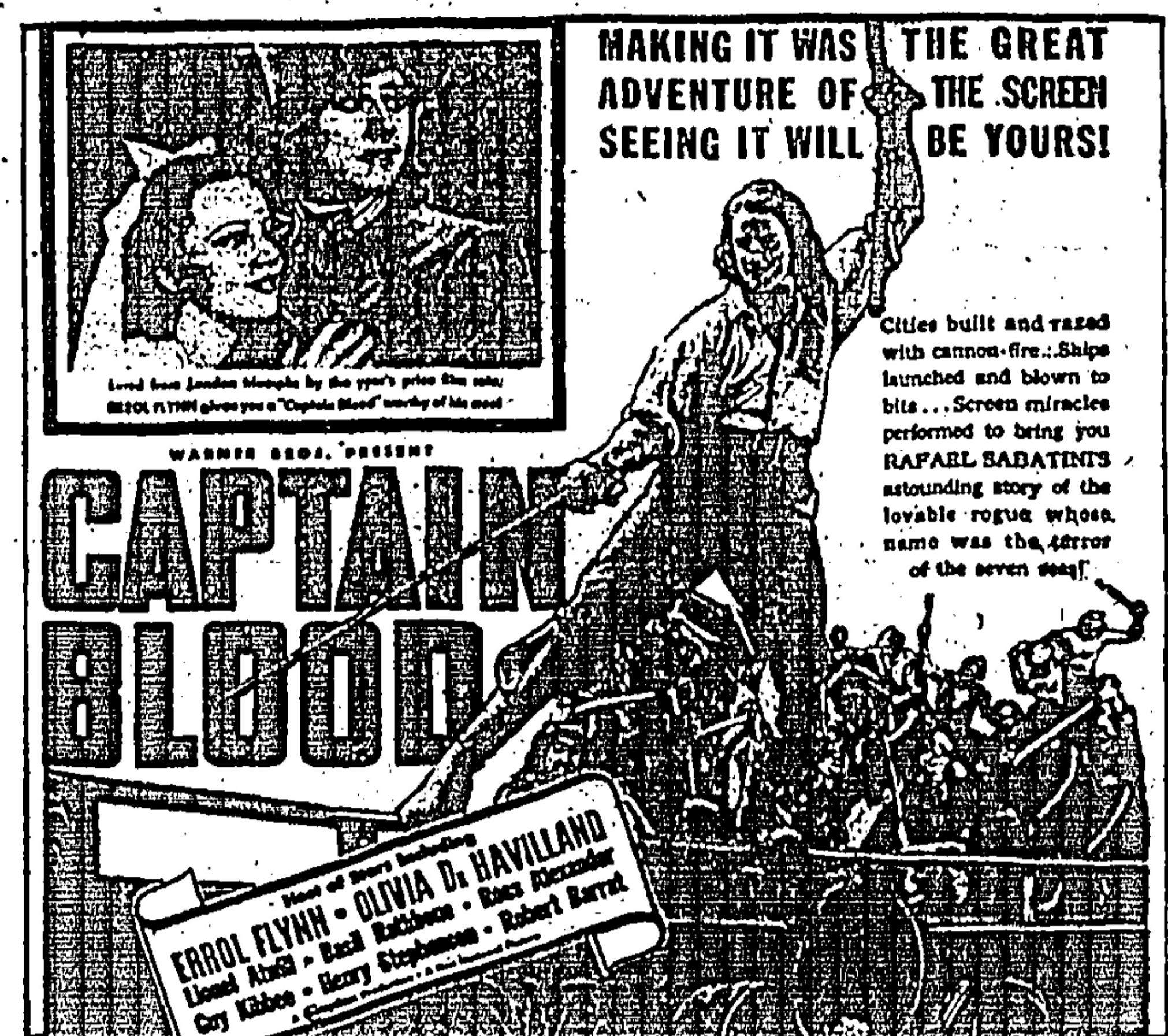
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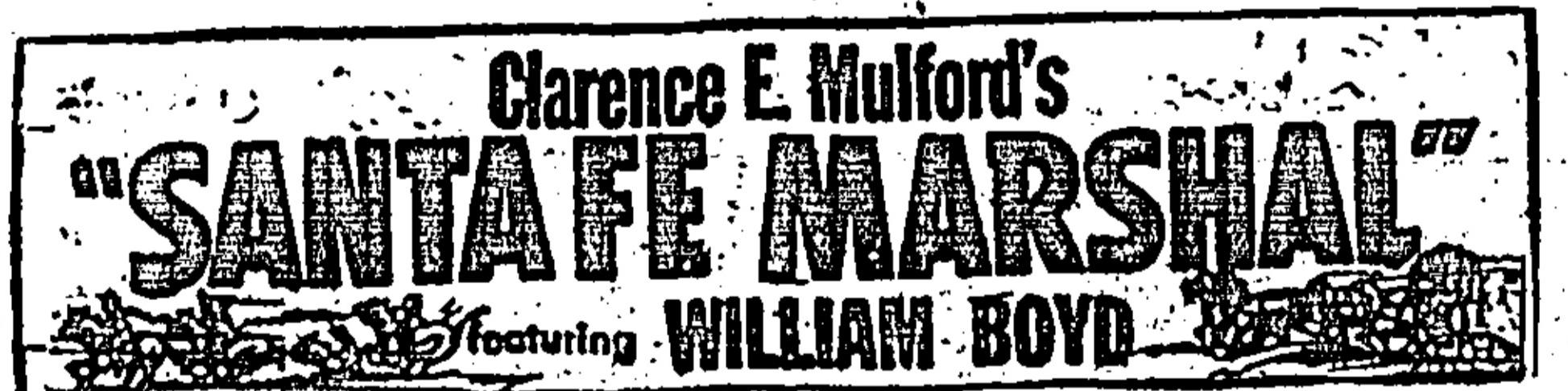
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SPITFIRE PILOT HAS GAY ADVENTURE

A SPITFIRE PILOT WHO, DURING AN ACTION JOINED UP BY MISTAKE WITH SIX MESSERSCHMIDTS AND "PROTECTED" THEM, TELLS THE STORY WITH A HAPPY ENDING IN AN AIR MINISTRY BULLETIN ISSUED YESTERDAY.

While weaving about his squadron over south-eastern London he was sent off to identify enemy formations. When he came back to direct the remaining Spitfires to the attack he joined up by mistake with the Messerschmidts. He did not stay long as their protector.

"When I realised what I was doing," he said, "I got a pretty fair shock. I went in to the attack double quick and a running fight began."

One Messerschmidt did a barrel roll to the left. I fired and he dropped back. I was then engaged from astern and lost a bit of ground.

By the time we got to Hastings I had caught the rest up again and knocked bits off one. Another was half a mile or more below and behind the others as they crossed the coast. He was dropping back and I went to finish him off when six more Messerschmidt 109's came down at me from over the Channel in line abreast.

Flat Into His Feet

They went into line astern and circled round me at about thirty yards intervals but number six was about a hundred yards behind number five so I went for him. He climbed steeply in a close turn.

I had about 300 miles per hour on the clock, so pulled up almost vertically and gave him a burst flat into his feet from beneath. He rolled over and went straight down.

By this time number one was on my tail so I went down behind number six who was still going straight down in a slow aileron turn at 10,000 feet. But number one was still worrying me so I went into a steep left hand turn and blacked out. On recovering there were no more enemy in sight so I climbed again and went home." — British Wireless.

U.S. APPLIES NEUTRALITY ACT

The United States is applying the Neutrality Act to Greece.

President Roosevelt reached Newark on his way from New York to Washington yesterday, and is reported to have had telephone discussions with Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney-General.

The President was to make two speeches last night and his secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, said that his plans would have to depend on whether or not he could get by air from Washington the necessary papers to sign to apply the Neutrality Act to Greece, freezing her credits and cash in the United States.

Mr. Cordell Hull, it is understood, has been instructed to draft the necessary orders. — Reuter.

MILLIONS FOR GOOD WORKS

The Red Cross of St. John Fund for sick and wounded in the war rose yesterday by a further £1,000 and now amounts to £3,311,000.

The Lord Mayor of London's Air Raid Distress Fund amounts to £1,320,000.

Directors of Empire Dairies Ltd., resident in Australia and New Zealand, sent £5,000 and there was a similar sum from Mr. Howard Gould, of New York. — British Wireless.

LIBERATION WILL BE THE SIGN

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and of the World Zionist Organisation, has, according to an Agency message, sent the following message to President Benes on the occasion of the 22nd anniversary of the foundation of the Czechoslovak Republic:

"To you, as leader of the Czechoslovak nation, I send my warmest wishes for the future. The enslavement of your country was the beginning of the European catastrophe. Its liberation will be a sign that the cause of freedom has triumphed." — British Wireless.

NEW GOVERNOR OF MACAO

The new governor of Macao, His Excellency Commander Gabriel Mauricio Teixeira, arrived from Mozambique, Portuguese East Africa, in Hong Kong to-day on his way to Macao.

His Excellency was accompanied by Madam Teixeira, their two daughters and son, his A.D.C. and private secretary, all of whom boarded the Portuguese sloop "Goncalo Velho" at 11 a.m. for Macao.

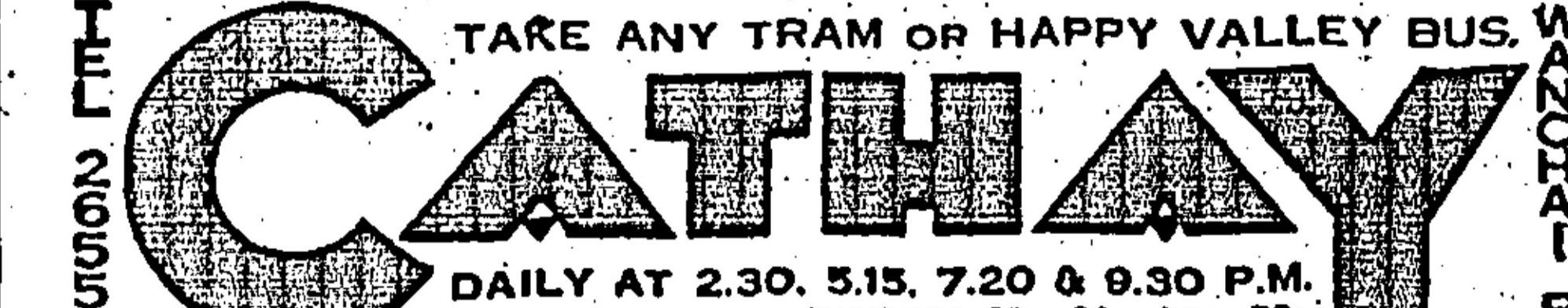
A Portuguese delegation, comprising Mr. F. P. de V. Soares, acting Consul-General in Hong Kong, Mr. G. A. de Figueiredo, Chairman of the Club Lusitano, Mr. D. P. J. Lopes, Secretary of the Club Lusitano, and Dr. Gouveia de Carvalho, Secretary to the acting Governor of Macao, welcomed the Governor and his family.

After visiting the Portuguese Consulate, the new Governor boarded the Portuguese sloop where they were welcomed by the Commander of the ship and the Harbour Master of Macao.

Commander Teixeira is a member of the Portuguese Parliament and prior to his appointment to succeed the late Dr. Tamagnini Barbosa, was Harbour Master at Mozambique.

She replaced H.M.C.S. Fraser which sank following a collision during the evacuation of Bordeaux. — Reuter.

*** H.M.S. Diana, was formerly on the China Station, and was a destroyer of 1,375 tons carrying four 4.7 inch guns. She was part of the Defender class, the others being Dainty, Daring, Decoy, Defender, Delight, Diamond and Duchess, all of which were formerly part of the 21st Destroyer Flotilla attached to the China Station.



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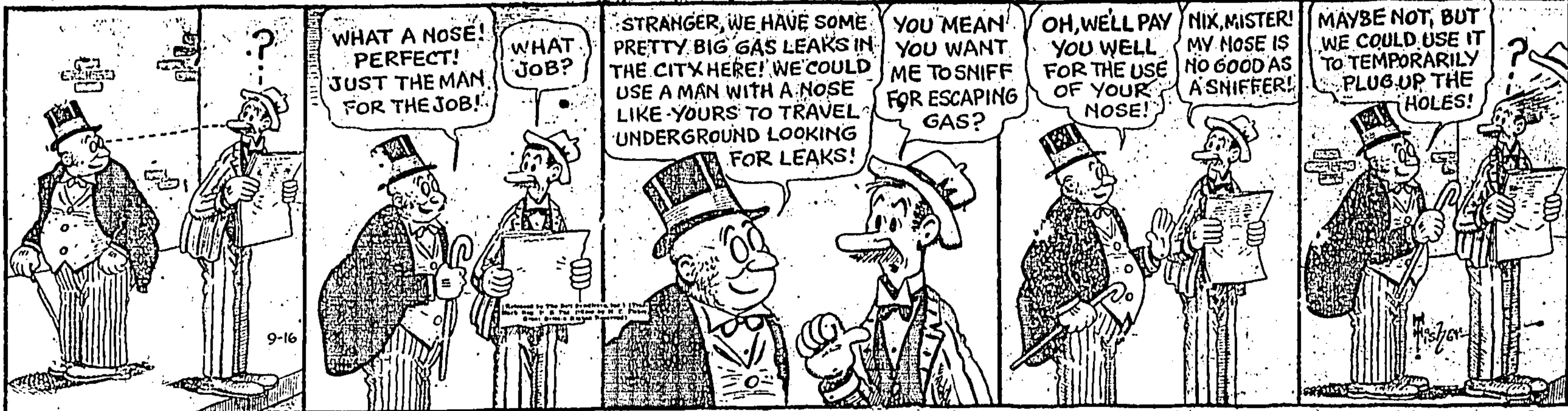
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Britain To Give Greece All Aid In Our Power

N.E.I. LEGION RALLYING TO WAR ON HITLER

Pilots from the Netherlands East Indies are shortly leaving Batavia for England, according to the Batavia wireless yesterday. The pilots will join their Dutch colleagues collaborating with the R.A.F.

A Dutch East Indian Legion will follow shortly to join the Dutch Legion already in England.—Reuter.

IT WAS LEARNED in informed London quarters last night that the British Minister in Athens has been instructed to assure General Metaxas that Britain will give Greece all assistance in her power in defending herself against an Italian attack.

This news will be received with every approval by all sections of the British public whose admiration for the gallant Greek people in refusing to be intimidated by Axis bullying is unbounded.

No surprise is, however, felt at this manifestation of Grecian fortitude, for every schoolboy knows that in the fair land of Greece is the very birthplace of Western civilisation.

It is not for the first time that the ideal of free lands for free people has been challenged. It is not for the first time that Greek culture, who civilised the peoples of Europe, has met with determined attack.

Powers Of Darkness

But in spite of all the powers of darkness that lamp has never been wholly extinguished. It is, however, ironic that the dagger held at the throat of the Greek race should be in the hand of an Italian leader.

Mussolini continually reverts to the ancient splendours of Rome and to the great contribution the Romans made to European civilisation. Yet that contribution would have been nothing had it not been for the inspiration provided by the Greeks.

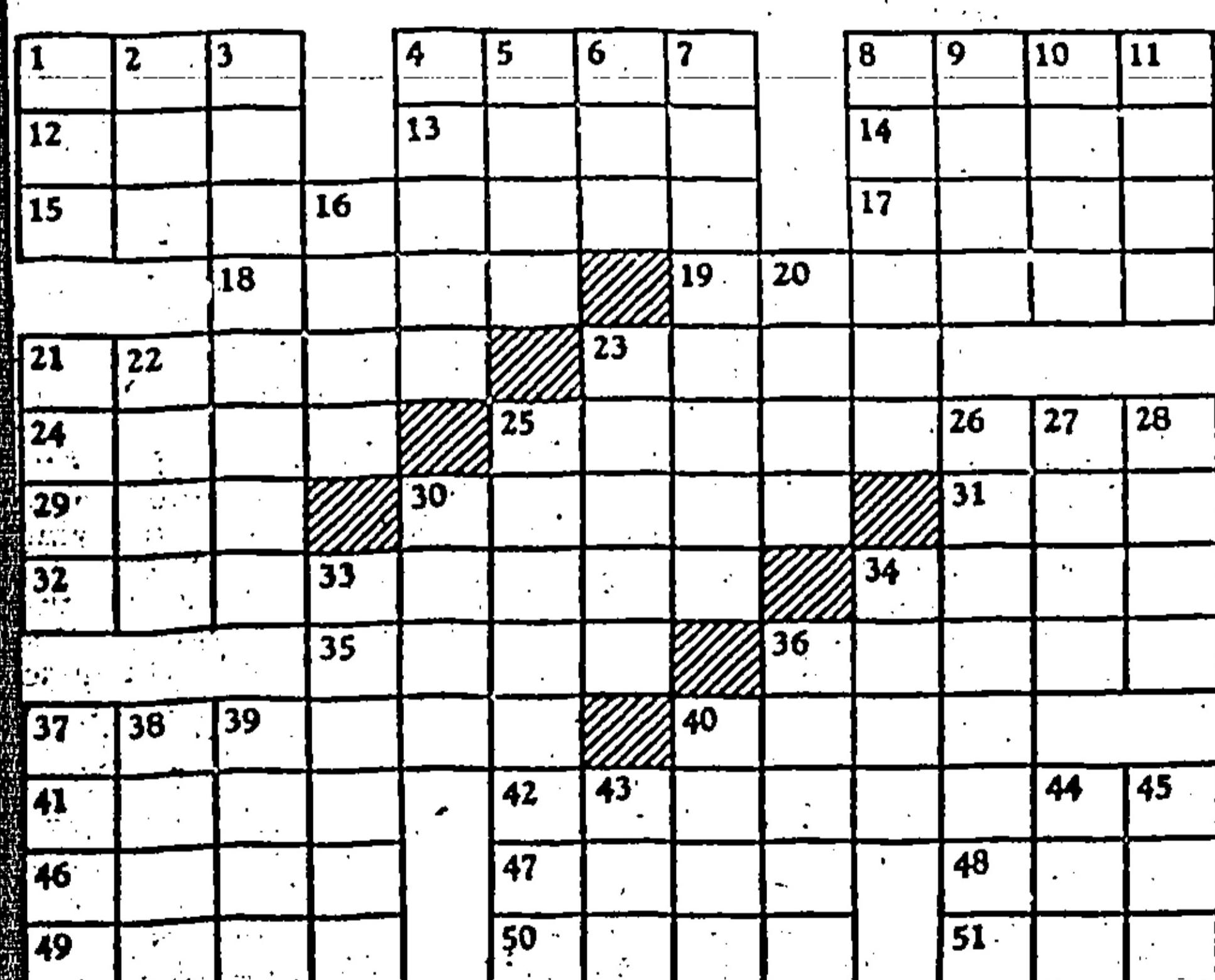
The race that probably owes more than any other to Athenian culture is the very one acting in conjunction with descendants of the tribe that threatens to overthrow the cradle of Western civilisation. Yet no one amongst the heirs of Greece, wherever they may be—and they are distributed throughout the world—doubts for a single moment that a second renaissance, will come to Europe.

Triumphant Struggle

Just as through the darkness of mediaeval times the light of Greece was carefully tended until it once again illuminated the whole world, so now will the free people of the world eventually overcome the dark hordes and bring back freedom to the victims of oppression.

It is indeed fitting that Greece and Britain are associated together in that triumphant struggle.—British Wireless.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- Biblical character
- Self-assured
- To toss carelessly
- Literary scraps
- Allowance for weight of container
- Comfort
- Mutual agreements
- African river
- Neat
- Leather-worker
- To stop
- Certain
- Wort
- Fruits intermediate between the peach and plum
- Poem
- Metal
- Female ruff
- Edited
- Efficacy
- Female student
- Heroic acts
- Treatises
- To merit

- To rant
- Maker of a will
- Agony
- Sea eagle
- Part of "to be"
- Constructed
- Fades away
- Hindu pillar

VERTICAL

- To poke
- South American language
- Traded
- Dignified
- To cripple
- Pitcher
- Made expressive movements
- Small African fox
- Rested
- Ait
- To gaze
- To seize
- Seed covering
- God of thunder
- To interpret
- Haste
- Confirmed
- Eastern
- To conduce
- Places
- Native of Great Britain
- To agree
- Egyptian measure
- Tropical fruits
- Mine car
- Indian mythological hero
- Eager
- Serf
- Silkworm
- Anglo-Saxon money
- To scold

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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MILD QUAKE FELT IN MANILA

Manila residents, especially those living in tall buildings as hotels and clubs, felt a mild earthquake lasting 20 seconds, says the "Manila Bulletin." The weather bureau reported that the earthquake was of tectonic origin, was of intensity II, and had its epicentre about 300 miles from Manila in a direction still undetermined. The tremors were recorded beginning at 6:56:40 p.m.

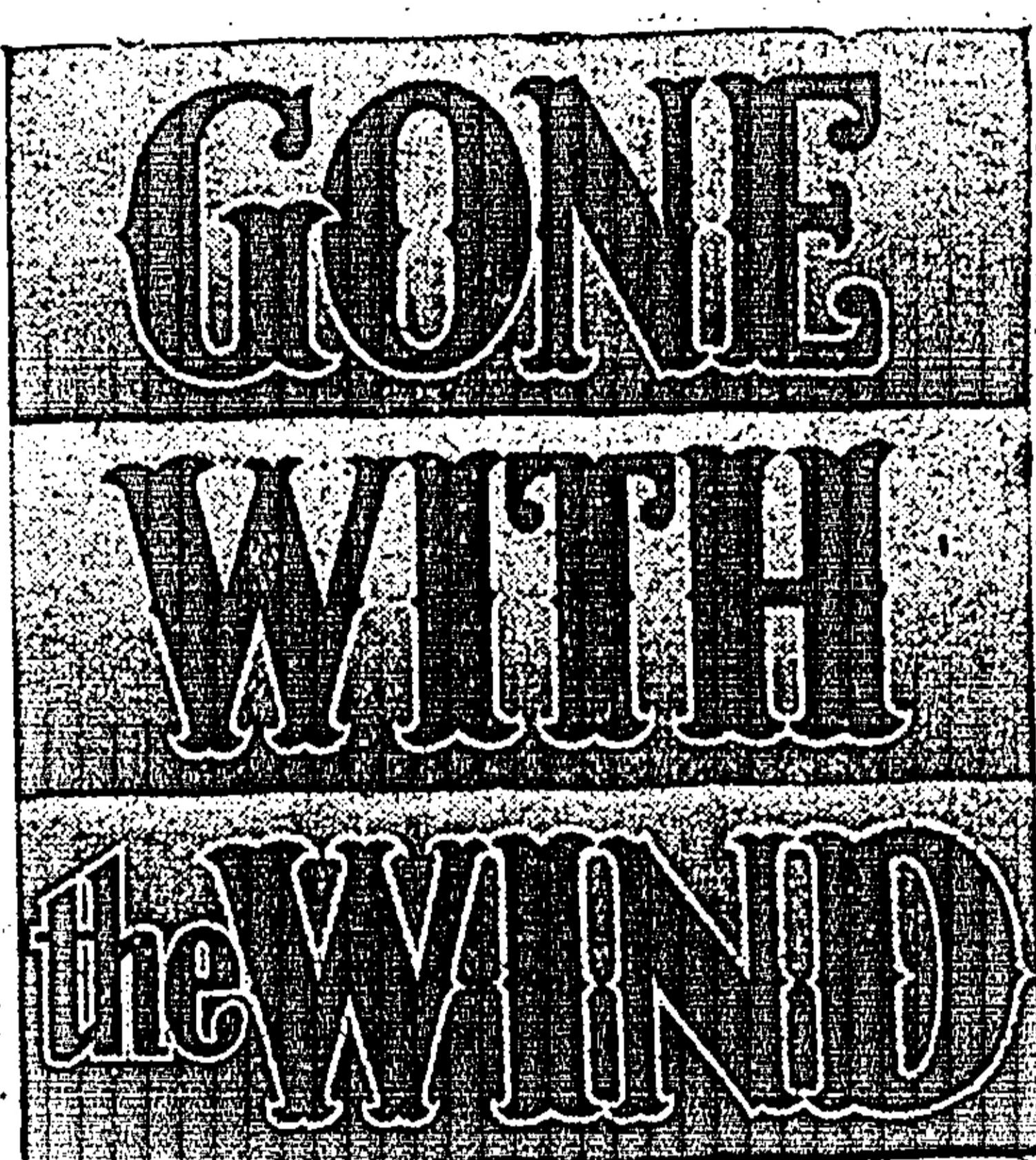
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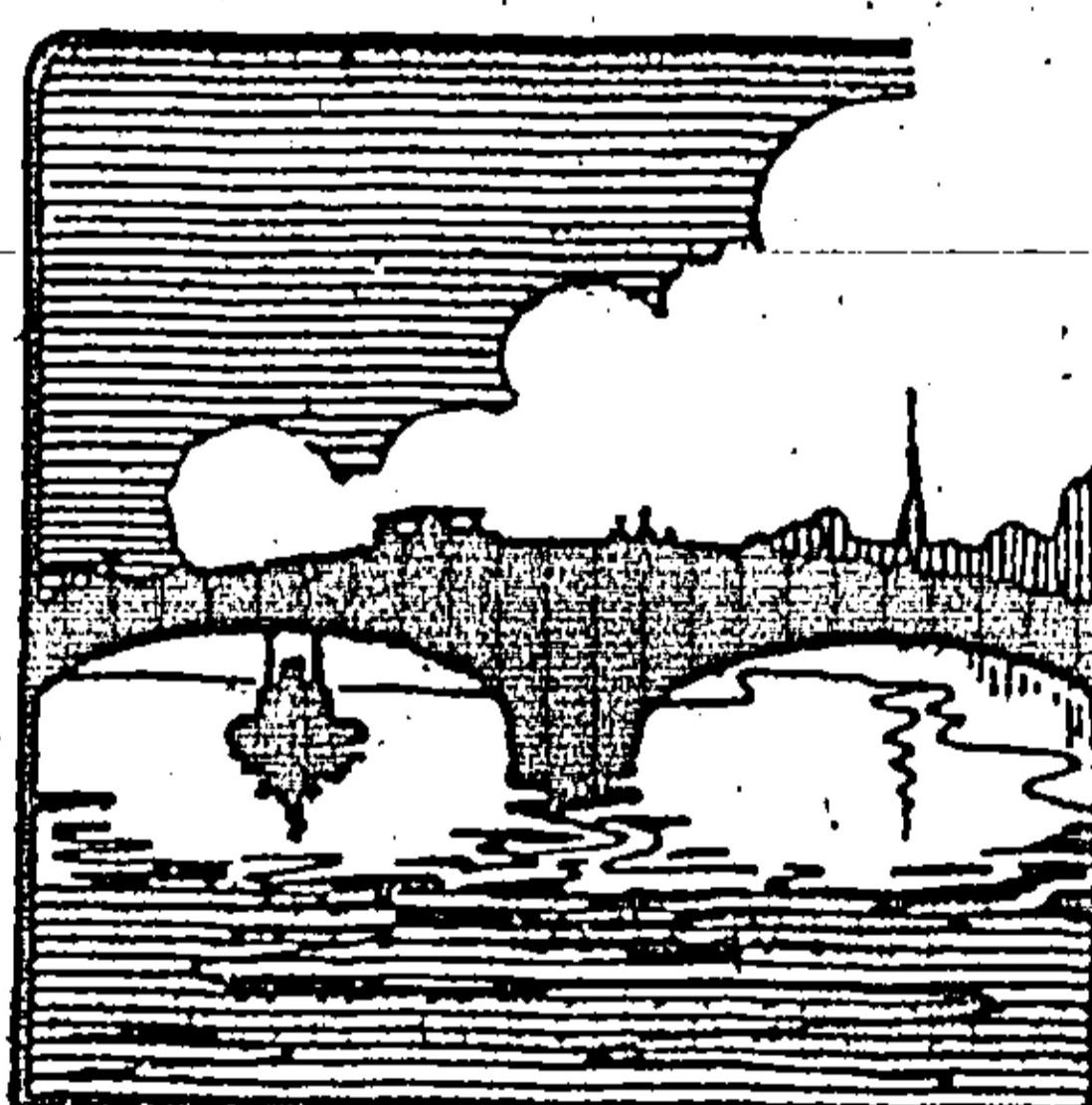
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SURPRISE USE OF POISON GAS IS HELD PROBABLE

When the Germans tell you that they have a great surprise in store for use against the British, and the British admit the peak of air war is not yet, it adds up, for the military expert, to the probable use of poison gas in the near future.

And you can bet one gas that's coming will be deadly, almost invisible phosgene. If the Germans use it first — and they were the first to use chlorine in the world war — air experts expect they will drop it from the sky.

The purpose would not be to decimate the population as so many people seem to think, but to spread panic and fear when panic and fear are already taking hold of the civilian population.

Phosgene would be the favourite for this purpose for these reasons:

1. It is almost invisible, and therefore will have a terrifying effect on civilians subjected to the first attacks. People will appear to drop dead like flies for no apparent reason.

Stored In Bombs

2. It is easy to store in bomb-like containers and drop from the air.

3. It is highly adaptable to use in the British Isles at this season, because the atmosphere is often hazy, almost foggy. The thin white cloud of the stuff will be invisible under these conditions.

(Phosgene is no good in very wet weather, for water absorbs and dissipates it more rapidly than air.)

4. The Germans know that the British population has been lax in their use of gas masks.

According to well-informed American military observers both the Germans and the British have big stores of gases for use under desperate conditions — the Germans for the peak of their air attack against the islands, and the British to use against land invasion.

Masks For Protection

As protection the British authorities have already distributed 30,000,000 gas masks among their people. They have rigged up thousands of underground antigas shelters. One gas-proof subway shelter in London can house 8,000 people.

Phosgene is ideal for the Germans to use at the peak of their air war because it has all the deadly effects and mysterious presence attributed to war gases in popular fiction, and not because it is quickly to be of maximum value as a weapon against trained troops.

But as a panic producer among civilians it is highly effective. Some experts figure one bomb of phosgene would produce more panic and fear among civilians than 100 actual explosive bombs.

The stuff is a simple combination of chlorine — the purifier you get in drinking water in minute quantities — and carbon monoxide. It is easy to compress into a liquid, and upon release becomes a gas.

Small concentrations smell like fresh-cut corn in a field. Heavy concentrations smell like a silo full of fermenting ensilage. When a man smokes a cigarette in the presence of phosgene, he experiences a sharp metallic taste in his mouth.

Exertion Fatal

In an area as big as a room 10 feet square, a lethal dose of phosgene is one-third of an ounce. If the victim is exposed thirty minutes. In higher concentrations, of course, it is quickly fatal. Drops of watery material form in lung tissues, stop oxygen, and the victim suffocates.

It is well suited to use against civilian populations also because victims would be likely to run or exert themselves. The slightest exertion produces death almost immediately.

Phosgene is known to all military forces. The common gas mask in one hundred per cent effective against it.

Military experts point to recent statements of the German high command accusing the British of dropping poisonous material in

ITALIANS ANNOYED

A message from Istanbul to the Italian news agency complains of the "Anglo-mania" of the Turkish Press and of the Reuter dispatches, which it says, "are published in positions of honour in the papers."

The attitude of the Press, however, the dispatch claims, does not correspond with that of the Turkish man in the street.

FUSILIER'S FACTS FOR A BOOK

The court martial of Fusilier Michael Hopper, of the Royal Fusiliers, who was charged with being in possession of a notebook containing two sketches of an R.A.F. station and information about factories and bomber objective in Great Britain, was continuing in London. He pleaded not guilty.

It was alleged that Hopper had collated in the notebook information which could be of direct use to the enemy. He stated that he did so for the purpose of writing a book after the war.

Major R. C. H. Baker, defending, said that Mr. Julien MacLean Ross, a novelist, who had been mentioned, was now a private in the Army and, as his presence was essential to Hopper's defence, he applied for an adjournment.

Captain Nield, prosecuting, raised no objection, and the hearing was adjourned.

and joked while we were on the job. It was nothing really."

Many lives and much property were saved by Mr. Keen's action.

He is the village Scoutmaster. When he was 15 he joined the Navy and was telegraphist in the Spitfire at Jutland. He was shipwrecked in the Speedy near Constantinople in 1923.

Mrs. Hyde, a local resident, sent the following message to him: "You must ever stand out in the memory as one of the greatest deeds of heroism."

JOKED AS HE RISKED HIS LIFE

George Keen, a subganger, whose bravery amid falling bombs saved an ammunition train on a Southern Railway line, made light of his heroism.

"We made up our minds to say nothing about it," he said. "I saw the bombing of the train from my door at midnight. I rushed to the train, two coaches of which were well ablaze.

"Bombs All Round"

"As I started to uncouple the first carriage behind those on fire bombs were exploding all round me."

"Another platelayer came to my help with soldiers, a young officer, and members of the A.F.S. They all helped."

"I heard a cry in the woods nearby, and when I went to investigate I stumbled and found I was within a few inches of a live shell, one of many blown from the train when the bombs hit it."

Laughed And Joked

"We saved 42 carriages by uncoupling them singly and passing them down the line. We laughed

RAIL FARES WILL RISE UNLESS--

Railway fares in Britain are certain to be increased, despite the public inquiry into railway charges which has been proceeding at Bush House Aldwych.

A belief that the inquiry might succeed in preventing fares going up caused me to pay visit to Bush House — but I am now disillusioned and wiser, writes a London correspondent.

What I found out was that exactly a month ago the Ministry of Transport wrote to the Charges (Railway Control) Consultative Committee to say that estimates of increases in working costs arising out of the war, amounting to £46,000,000, had been substantiated and that the Railway Executive Committee had proposed to meet this additional amount by raising railway charges, including passenger fares.

In other words, the discovery I made consisted of this:

Already Granted

First, that the Railway Companies' claim for increased charges has already been granted, before the present inquiry, by the Ministry of Transport.

Second, that the inquiry is strictly limited to the question of how the new charges shall be distributed.

The public is, in fact, in the position of a defendant who appears before a Court to be told that he has already been convicted at a secret session between the Judge and claimant;

The terms of reference are narrow that the chairman has had to repeat them almost daily in order to justify the exclusion questions which the objectors consider highly relevant.

The Railway Executive Committee has submitted to the inquiry only figures of estimated future yields.

And as the Committee is its composed of paid servants of the railway companies, these figures, as one counsel pointed out, "are little suspect."

The London Cooperative Society is one of the bodies which has taken up the public's case.

An official of the Society told me: "We represent 800,000 members, who will be affected in two ways by the increased charges."

"As railway users they will have to pay increased fares, as consumers they will have to face higher food prices which will result from the additional freight charges. That is the way to inflation."

Happily, however, the victims are almost certain to be reprieved. As an Industrial Correspondent has already indicated, the final word will rest with the War Cabinet; and the only effect of the inquiry will be to inform the War Cabinet that State control of transport services is urgent if necessary.

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NEW WORLDS

To-day dictators are looking about for other worlds to conquer. But that is not because they have finished one job and are ready to go on with the next. They need new worlds. And they need to make them look as important as the one they are not conquering. They may hide from their own populations how disappointed they are with the way Britons are acting. But other peoples sense that the promised attack on British outlying possessions is only a second-best substitute, in the eyes of Axis engineers, for quick conquest of the British Isles.

In his last speech in the House of Commons the Prime Minister refused to embark on any discussion of the shape which might be given to Europe after the war or of any "new securities" which might be required. This caution was clearly right. Nothing could be more unreal than the elaboration at the present time of hypothetical political structures to fit situations which cannot be foreseen even in broadest outline. Nothing could be more unwise than to undertake commitments or to encourage hopes whose fulfilment might prove either wholly impracticable or incompatible with our larger purposes. In 1919 we suffered from a plethora both of political commitments and of political theories about the way in which a new order should be constructed. When arms are laid down at the end of the present war, it may well be prudent to devote our immediate energies to the practical needs of relief and reconstruction, and postpone any attempt to build a more permanent political framework until a clearer perspective has had time to emerge.



But this does not mean that we should refrain, so long as hostilities last, from looking towards any goal beyond the end of them. As Mr. Churchill said last week, "the road to victory may not be so long as we expect"; and though he quickly added that we have "no right to count on this," it would be equally wrong to use the prospect of a long war as an argument for refusing indefinitely to consider the problems of peace. The well-worn saying that last time we won the War and lost the peace contains a large measure of truth. The assumption that, once the war is won, no further leadership or initiative will be required from British statesmen, and no further effort or self-sacrifice from British people, is a dangerous form of complacency. We have suffered much during the past months because we had not made adequate preparations to equip ourselves for war. To equip ourselves for peace is also a wise and necessary precaution.

One moral which seems clearly to emerge from the experience of the war is the qualification which will have to be applied to the concept of neutrality in the crowded European continent. The smaller countries of Europe will rightly and naturally want to continue to paddle their own canoes. But, as a correspondent remarked in these columns a few days ago, they will have henceforth to do so in convoy. Nor is this merely a necessary measure of common defence. If Europe is to become once more a prosperous as well as a peaceful land, common economic planning and economic policy have become imperative. The economic atomism of the thirties was a prelude to the military disasters of 1940, and helps in part to explain them. No system of political and military guarantees can uphold indefinitely a structure which fails to bring decent and stable conditions of life to the European peoples. The mirage of domination based on self-sufficiency must be replaced, in Germany, and throughout Europe, by an economic organisation conceived from a European or, so far as may be, from a world-wide point of view.



In one most important respect Mr. Churchill revealed that plans were in hand for future reconstruction. We have undertaken to encourage the building up all

"FINE AS FIRE"

There's a man in London, so it seems, who isn't getting a proper night's rest. It's because of noise, course. And he has complained to the authorities. One might think

would complain to that there "Itler" or at least desist from adding the decibel dilemma at London authorities' face. For, one might suppose, there is only one way to lessen noise in London now, and that is by training from adding the din of anti-aircraft to the din of bombs. But that isn't the problem at all. Who said anything about bombs and

Looking Forward

over the world of food reserves destined for the relief of Hitler's victims—among whom Mr. Churchill was careful to include the people of Germany and Austria—so soon as Nazi power is overthrown. But the problem of food supplies and nutrition is not limited to the immediate needs of post-war relief. No international task will be more urgent after the war

than the planning of relations between food importing and food growing countries in such a way as to clear the channels of trade to regulate its even flow, and to remove the arbitrary interference of national or individual self-interest. To make preparations now for this task, and to extend the survey to other aspects of European reconstruction—to pro-

blems of transport, of housing and public works, and of industrial reconstruction—would be a prudent anticipation of needs which can certainly be foreseen, whatever political shape a liberated Europe may assume. This is a more practical approach to the problem of war aims and of post-war international cooperation than the devising of political constitutions.



Mr. Churchill last week permitted himself one further glimpse into the future—the eloquent oration in which he spoke of the growing community of interest between this country and the United States in the defence of freedom. But this common interest will end with victory in this war, at any rate in its present form. Our Diplomatic Correspondent has drawn attention to the way in which German propaganda is already trying to sow mischief by deliberately exaggerating the scope and prospects of military cooperation. More dangerous still is the small band of enthusiasts on both sides of the Atlantic which from time to time canvasses romantic schemes of world-wide political federation. Let us tell ourselves frankly that the United States have no intention of concerning themselves in the political future of any European country or of cooperating in any new political order outside the Western Hemisphere. Where we can count with confidence on the prospect of American collaboration and American generosity after the war is in the field of economic and social reconstruction; and this is yet another reason for thinking in the first instance in these terms.



Victory Of The Atlantic

The victory of the Atlantic has been the outstanding naval event of the year and yet it has never been officially announced. Few details about it are known outside the Admiralty, and the world at large is hardly aware of what has happened. Nevertheless that victory has played a considerable part in shaping the events of the immediate past and moulding the immediate future.

It was brought about by the vigorous offensive of the Navy at the very start of the war against the German submarine campaign. Rapidly, though the Admiralty plans for establishing convoys worked, they would not by themselves have defeated the U-boats. The German expectation was that some two million tons of shipping would be destroyed in the first month, and this appalling loss must in their estimation completely wreck any plans we had for the prosecution of the war. In the result, the U-boats were so harried and hunted by our anti-submarine flotillas that it took all their attention looking after their own safety, and they were unable to concentrate on the merchant ships.

The total damage they were able to inflict in this first month was no more than 184,241 tons, and in the course of those operations we know from a statement in Parliament that they lost at least six or seven vessels in three weeks. The actual total was probably higher. In the next four weeks the hunting went on. There was one day on which three U-boats were destroyed, and by the end of three months of war it was clear, guarded though the official statements were, that the total German loss was approaching forty boats. That meant that half the available craft had been removed, that between 1,500 and 2,000 trained officers and men were lost to Germany, and that we had shown beyond all question that the U-boat menace was not likely, in this war, to approach the dimensions it reached in 1917. Our sea communications were to remain open, losses could be kept within the limit at which they could be replaced by strenuous

effort in the shipyards, and our world-wide sources of supply could not be cut off.

It was a victory as important to our future as any pitched battle ever fought between fleets on the surface, and nothing that has happened since has undermined its significance.

The Magnetic Mine

A second important naval victory about which rather more is known publicly was achieved with the nullifying of the effects of the magnetic mine. That goes to the credit of the scientists more than to the fighting fleet, but its importance in the war at sea is just as great as a defeat of the enemy fleet, since it ensured free movement for our warships as well as for our merchantmen.

A third naval development that may fairly be classed as a victory is the fleet's successful defiance of air power to interfere with its operations. Not only the one dramatic encounter between sea power and air power during the withdrawal from Dunkirk marks this victory; scores of incidents, mostly already forgotten by the general public, have piled up the evidence during the year that the fleet, though not untouchable, is unbreakable from the air.

It is necessary to emphasise these three aspects of the naval history of the past twelve months, for they have not the picturesque drama which imprints events on the public mind. The year, indeed, has given us a striking illustration of that "daily silent pressure" of which Mahan wrote. The excitement of the Battle of the Plate, of the destroyer attacks at Narvik, of the stopping of the Altmark make "history" in the popular sense, but it has been the little-known, the almost unrecorded events at sea that have really affected the course of events.

Heavy Price

There has been a heavy price in men and in ships to pay for the sea security that has been achieved. Again there has not

been, except in one or two instances, the visible drama of hundreds of victims in one disaster. It has been among the fringes of the fleet that the price has been most heavily exacted—75 minesweepers and patrol vessels lost, 31 destroyers, 14 submarines are part of the toll among the smaller craft. A casualty-list of a dozen here, of fifty there, perhaps of a hundred on occasion which would shock public feeling to the core in peace-time becomes, by some strange transmutation of values, but an item of news in war-time. But at the end of a year of war we may surely pause for one moment to think upon not only the victories that have been achieved, the safety that has been ensured, but also upon those thousands who were in their deaths, as in their lives, the silent, unseen builders of both victory and security.

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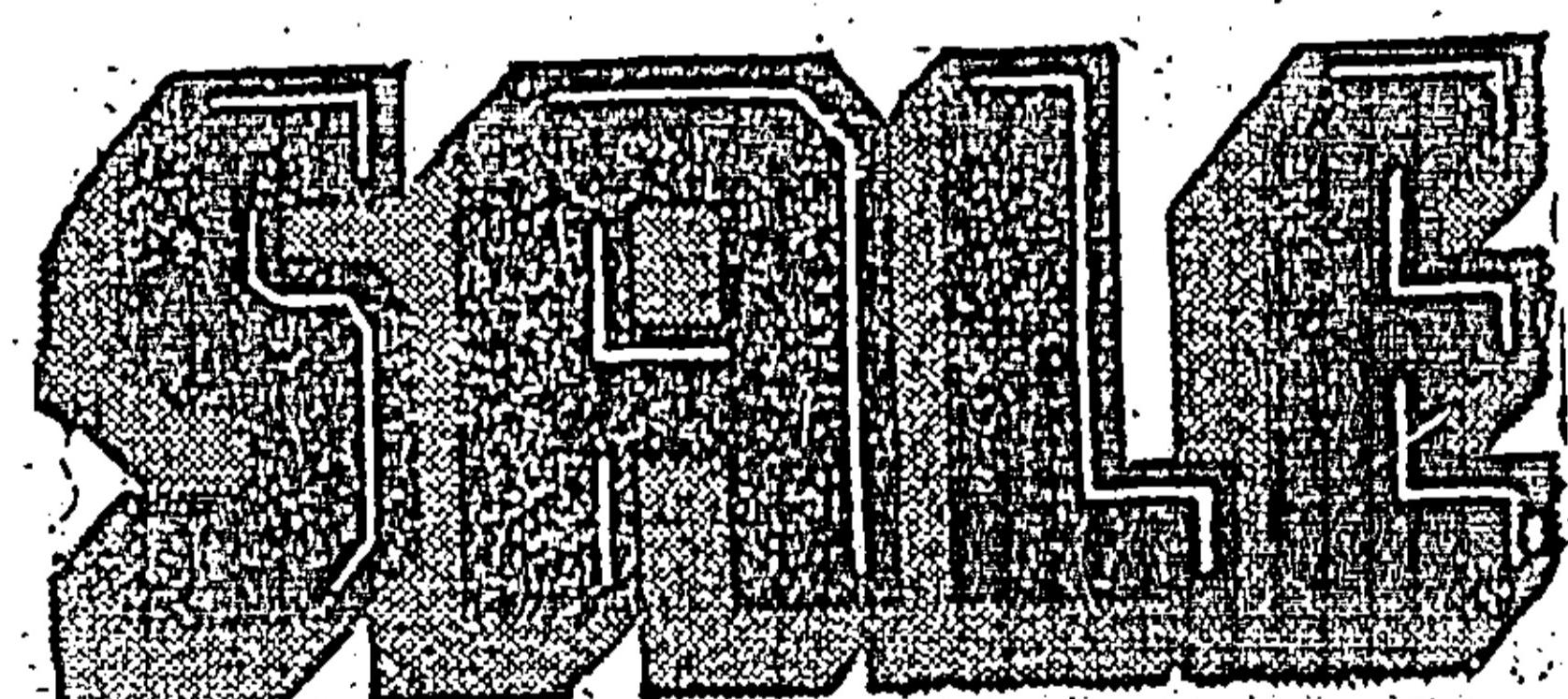
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POMPEY CINEMA SUFFERS DIRECT BOMB HIT

Portsmouth was raided late in one afternoon, but only about twenty machines were able to pierce an intensive A.A. barrage. Many others were driven back by British fighters.

Bombs were dropped in several parts of the city. A cinema was hit while a performance was in progress and the gallery collapsed. Some members of the audience were trapped in the building.

Another cinema narrowly escaped, the bomb dropping in a car park close by. A furniture factory was damaged and a number of houses in working class and residential districts were wrecked. There were a number of casualties, but they are believed to be relatively few in view of the number of bombs dropped.

At Ramsgate, waves of bombers and fighters were met by a terrific A.A. barrage as they crossed the coast. They scattered and dropped a large number of high explosive bombs and a few incendiaries in all parts of the town, causing damage to houses. Casualties were few in relation to the damage done.

Most of the damage was done in the third of a succession of raids that began at breakfast time and continued throughout the day. When one building was hit people sheltering in the basement escaped unhurt although covered in dust.

An assembly hall was wrecked. A man who was cleaning it for a brotherhood meeting was rescued unhurt from the ruins by a warden.

Outside the building a placard still proclaimed: "Brother man, don't stay outside and hope for the best. Come inside and get it."

A few yards away a house received a direct hit which reduced it to a mass of rubble, but the occupier, Mr. N. Stroud, and his wife emerged unscathed.

One of those killed was a police constable who was sleeping after being on night duty. His home was wrecked.

Aged Couple Rescued

In a road where several small houses were damaged, a man of eighty-five and a woman of eighty-three were among those rescued. "I had not time to go to the nearest shelter," said the woman. "I was trying to reach the cellar when everything seemed to fall on top of me, but I stood close against a wall and escaped with a bump on my head. What worries me most is that I lost my top teeth."

In the town's shopping centre, the largest grocery store was ruined. An employee of a firm of house furnishers was killed while crossing the road to shelter.

Several public houses in different parts of the town were demolished. At one, where all the windows were broken, the landlord carried beer in buckets to rescue workers as soon as the raid was over.

Two people, one a van driver, were killed outside a temperance hotel and several people running to a shelter were blown down the steps when a bomb exploded.

The Mayor, Town Clerk, and members of the municipal staff took shelter in the basement of the council offices and were shaken by bombs which fell a few feet in front of the building.

One bomb struck the gasworks, causing a fire. This was speedily extinguished, however, by the fire brigade, the A.F.S., and brigades from neighbouring towns.

Two men employed in the mains department were killed by a bomb which exploded three feet from them as they were running for shelter.

In another part of the town a boy had a foot blown off and was pinned beneath the wreckage of a house. In another street a civilian had a leg blown off.

A woman who had sheltered in a cupboard under her staircase emerged after the raid to find that her kitchen had vanished.

A reporter who was watching the raid, heard the shriek of a bomb and ran into a building. As he reached the head of the stairs there was a terrific explosion, and he was blown from top to bottom without touching the stairs. He later found that

he had been blown through the floor板.

GERMANS CENTURIES TOO LATE

An ingenious theory has been put forward to explain why German raiders frequently drop bombs on isolated and desolate districts.

A number of bombs have fallen near spots which are marked with the word "camp" on ordnance maps, and it is suggested that these markings refer to present day military camps. Actually they refer to old British fortresses — mainly earth works dating back to 1000 B.C.

JAPANESE PAY UP INDEMNITY

JAPANESE AUTHORITIES HAVE PAID A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY US\$1,080 AS INDEMNITY TO THE FAMILIES OF THE 18 ANNAMITES WHO WERE KILLED WHEN NIPPON WARPLANES BOMBED HAIPHONG DURING THE JAPANESE LANDINGS OPERATIONS THERE ON SEPTEMBER 26.

The Japanese payment, at the rate of approximately US\$71 per life, followed a vigorous French protest to Tokyo.

Meanwhile members of a Japanese economic mission reached Hanoi. They will commence talk with French colonial officials later. Informed quarters expect that the conversations will cover a wide range of financial and trade questions.

East coast.

Flying at a great height, the first formation of twelve bombers was driven off by Spitfires after a brief encounter.

Half an hour later eight bombers attacked from another direction. This time they were driven off by heavy anti-aircraft gunfire.

The third and largest formation of twenty Junkers crossed the coastline shortly before noon but a heavy anti-aircraft barrage caused them to take another course. They flew for several miles along the coast in a vain effort to penetrate the barrage before turning seawards.

As they returned across the Channel, followed by gunners, one machine was seen to fall out of formation and plunge downwards towards the sea.

In another district, thirteen enemy planes attempting to attack an aerodrome were driven off by A.A. fire and fighters. Loosed high explosive and incendiary bombs over a residential and rural area, damaging private property. Casualties were few.

Two raiders are believed to have been shot down and the crew of four of one of them, a wounded, were captured.

In the South-West, hundreds of incendiary bombs were showered on rural districts. Presumably the raiders were attempting to set fire to growing corn. Generally they were well off their targets and in most areas little or no damage was done.

Villagers or members of the Home Guard extinguished the fire bombs almost as soon as they struck the ground, or they burned themselves out on harvested fields.

In one district three shells were fired, but the flames were all put out within a minute.

Powerful Barrage

Junkers 88 dive-bombers made three unsuccessful attempts to attack another area on the South

GERMAN NEED FOR A QUICK RESULT

THE ONE PRIME advantage which the enemy holds is that of numbers. It is a point we have insisted upon over and over again, and there is the more necessity for such insistence from the fact that, partly from lack of proportion, partly from the effect of propaganda, the full meaning of these numbers is not clearly presented to the public.

The main fact underlying all the rest is the fact that the enemy, quite apart from his Mediterranean alliance, was originally much more than equal numerically to the French and English combined.

Since the French forces were eliminated, the enemy's recruiting field—that is the ultimate manpower on which he can draw—is much more than double our own.

The Mass Attack

But having said so much, and fully considering that handicap against us (a handicap which has adversely affected neutral opinion of our chances), we may justly turn to the other side of the question. It is evident that the enemy is accelerating his pace. He is pushing his preparatory attack hard. It is much more than the "testing" which he has claimed it to be. It is rapidly becoming something like a mass attack, so far as the preliminary airwork is concerned, and is an acceleration in quality as well as in quantity, for the enemy envisages a steadily increasing attack upon our vital civilian centres, our urban population as well as our air bases, ports, and munition factories.

Why this accentuation of pace? First, there is the continual increase of our Air Force in machines and trained pilots. Every day we approach more nearly to parity, and that with the added advantage of, on the whole, better machines and certainly better trained pilots. We are still a long way off equality in numbers, but the approach to it is ceaseless. Unless the enemy has won his campaign before numerical superiority in this vital arm passes to our side, he has lost the war.

Need For Speed

That is one reason for the recent accentuation of his pace in air work. Another is the uncertain margin of good weather remaining to him. When the storms come air work will be very different and the difference will not be in his favour.

Now, not only must the enemy act quickly in the time at his disposal but he must obtain a complete decision within that time. This is consideration that must have haunted the enemy General Staff ever since the attack on Poland was launched close on a year ago. Increasing success, increasing occupation of territory, even the vastly increased numerical advantage obtained by the collapse of French resistance, are still conditioned, and more and more conditioned, by the necessity for a rapid victorious conclusion.

Enemy's Advantages

To obtain such a decision his old original advantages are still with him: the remarkable excellence of his staff work, the unity of his internal government, the perfection of his intelligence department. This last advantage we should do well to bear in mind continually. When the enemy was tracking down the King of Norway last year they were informed of his every move, and he narrowly escaped with his life. They have been informed of most of our moves, far more than we have been informed of theirs; and, most remarkable of all, nothing of great moment in their plans has ever leaked out.

The new tanks which were the main element of victory last May came as a surprise. So, much earlier, did the deal with Moscow come as a surprise. So does the enemy's deceptive candour repeatedly come as a surprise. Only the other day he was announcing the new intensity of his air attack and telling us openly how he intended to follow it up by what he called "the difficult job of landing troops." "Difficult" is the operative word!

An Unsolved Problem

But there is something much more difficult of which the enemy

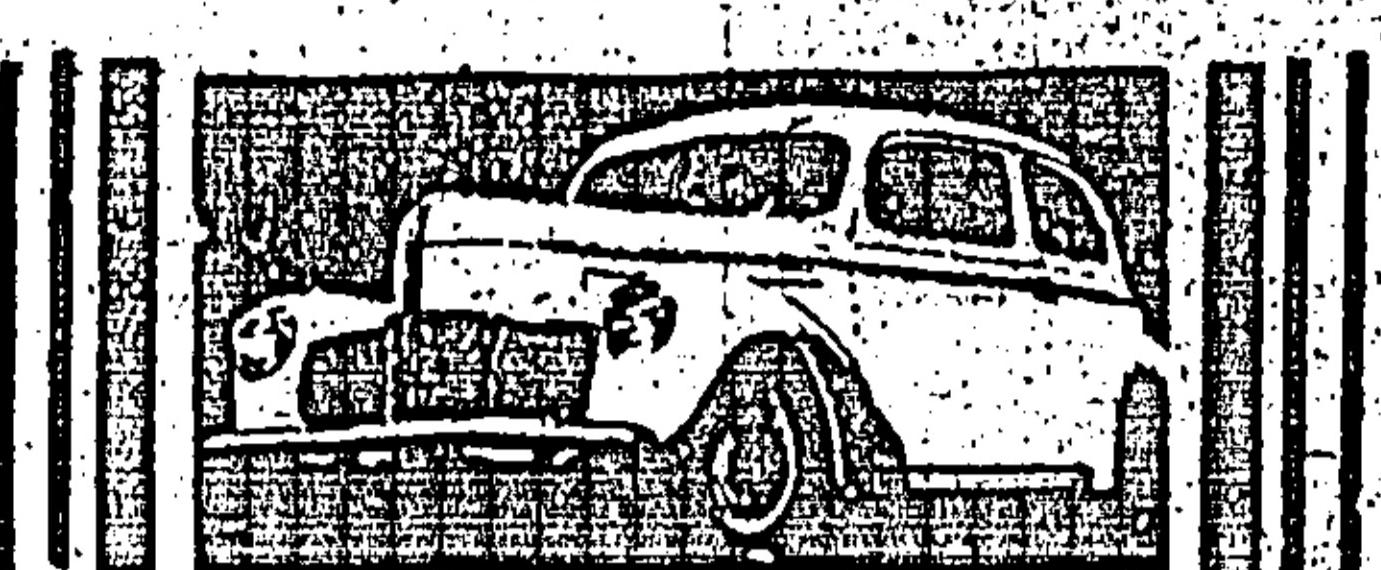
combines. It would need constant streams of munition and these on a very large scale. Of this for all his habit of revelation he tells us nothing. Probably because he has not really solved the problem to his own satisfaction.

In connection with the enemy's habit of self-revelation it is curious to note a certain superstition on the part of the enemy's General Staff. They seem to attach importance to particular days. It was remarkable that they opened the invasion of Poland (and the launching of this, which they hoped to make their victorious final war) upon the anniversary of Sedan. It is also to be remembered that in the last Great War they seem to have crossed the frontier on the same day and at the same hour as in 1870. There is nearly always an element of superstition in such affairs.

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Correct interpretation of the opening lead helped South make his contract in the hand below:

North, Dealer
East-West vulnerable

♦	7 3
♥	A K J 10 4
♦	A 6 3
♣	8 6 2
♠	Q 6 2
	N
♦	A 10 9 8
♥	T 5 2
♦	J 9 5 2
♣	Q 7 5
♠	W E S

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♥	1♦	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the deuce of spades, and East won with the Ace and returned the spade ten.

South was tempted to finesse the Jack, but thought it over first.

West's lead was either a singleton, fourth-best, or third-best from the Queen. It was not likely to be a singleton, since East might

have rebid the seven-card suit; or perhaps West might have found a more promising lead.

It was not likely to be fourth-best, since East was too careful a player to make a vulnerable overcall on a four-card suit. South therefore inferred the actual situation and properly put up the spade King instead of finessing the Jack.

South next finessed the hearts, and East took his Queen, but found that his partner's spade Queen blocked the suit. A spade lead was taken by West, but now he had no way of returning to his partner's hand. He made an attempt, by leading a diamond, but South won and ran the hearts. A finesse of the club nine then went to West's Queen, and a later finesse of the club Jack gave South his ninth trick.

South would have lost his contract, of course, if he had finessed the Jack of spades at the second trick. West would have taken the trick with the spade Queen and returned the suit, forcing out South's only stopper. Sooner or later, East would get in with the heart Queen to run the spades and defeat the contract.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♦	Q J 8 6 5 3
♥	9
♦	K 5 8
♣	K 4 2

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenck	Yan	Maler
1♥	Dbl.	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid one spade. This bid shows a weak or only moderately strong hand with a playable spade suit but no support for hearts. There is no point in passing, since the opponents will not bid spades and you are unprepared to double any other bid; and

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♥	9 6
♦	K 5 8

The bidding:

Maler Jacoby You Schenck

1♥ Dbl. (?)

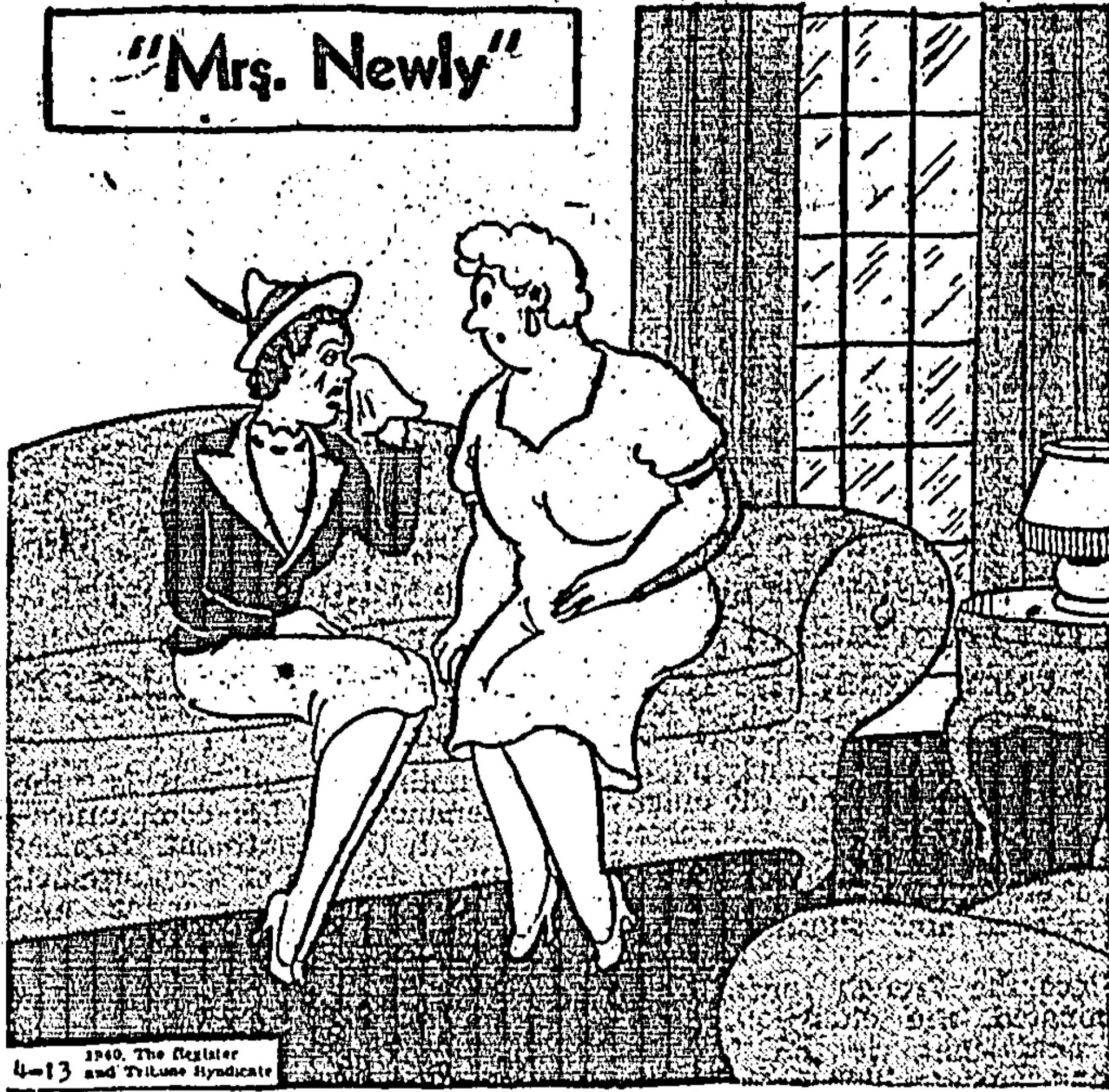
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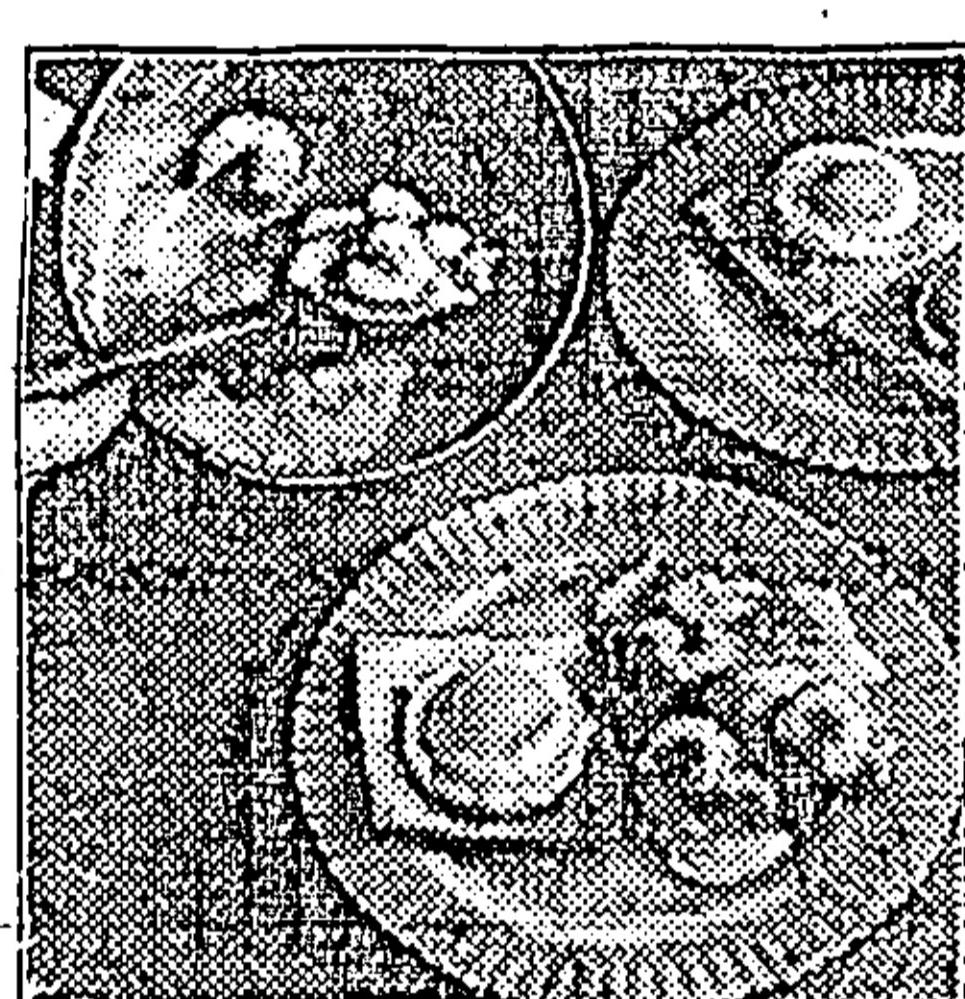
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN Does She Get Enough Sunshine?

Modern mothers are instructed by leading pediatricians that children should get sun very early in life. Gone are the old-fashioned swaddling clothes which kept air and sun from a baby's body.

*An unusual
SHRIMP-CELERY
SAUCE
for poached eggs
or waffles*

by Dorothy Grey



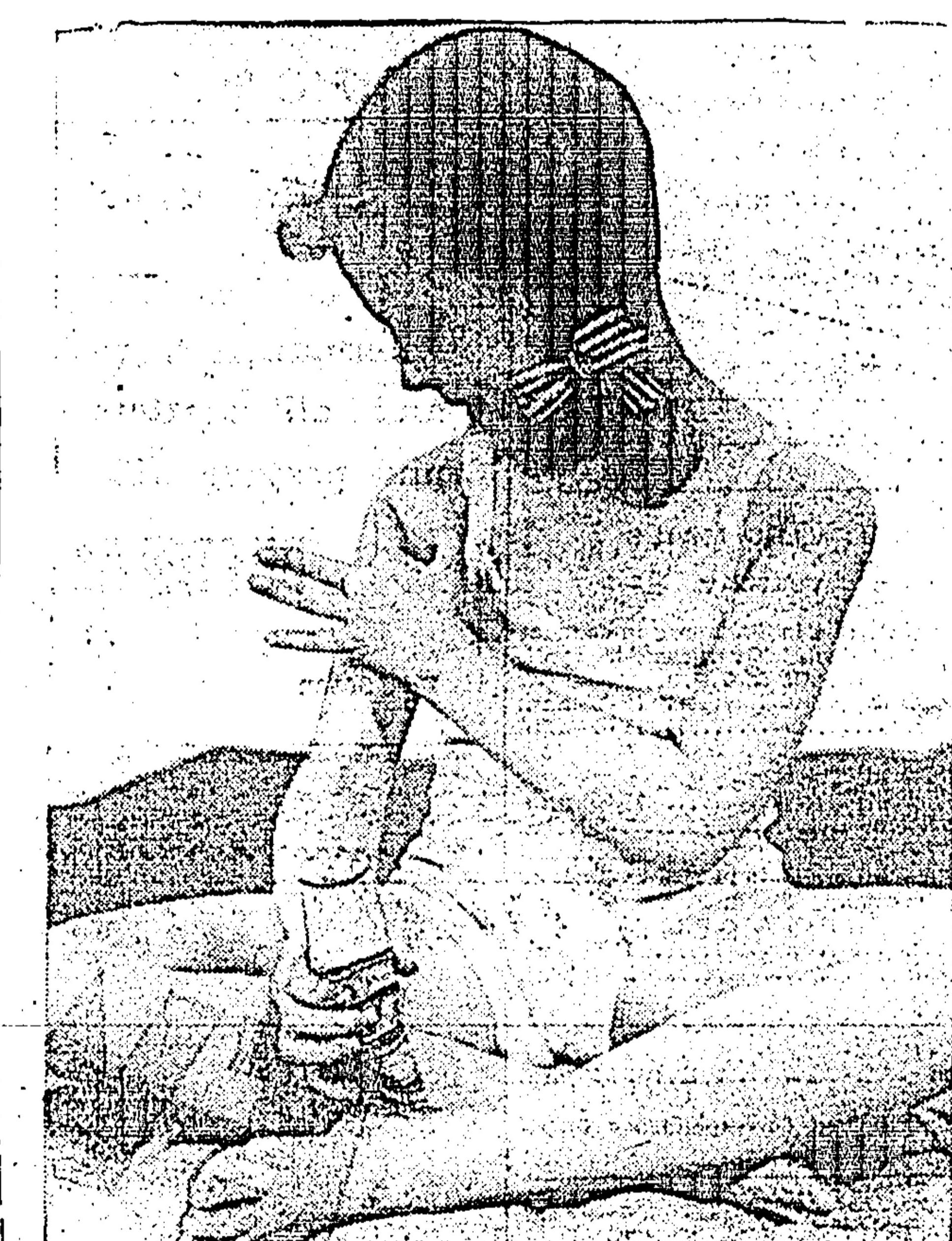
If there's one thing that makes me purr it is to turn a prosaic everyday food such as cold roast beef, eggs or carrots, into a dish that's really interesting. One of my pet ways of doing it is by means of sauces. Not complicated sauces. But easy ones that are fixed mostly from condensed soups already in themselves beautifully seasoned.

Here, for instance, is one such sauce that transforms simple poached eggs into a luncheon or supper dish you would be proud to set before anyone. It is delicious poured thickly over waffles, too. Or even over plain toast. Keep this in mind for those times when you must rustle up a meal or stretch out a meal for unexpected guests and "my dear, there was simply nothing in the house to eat." Well, the guests will never suspect it.

*Shrimp and Celery Sauce,
over Poached Eggs*

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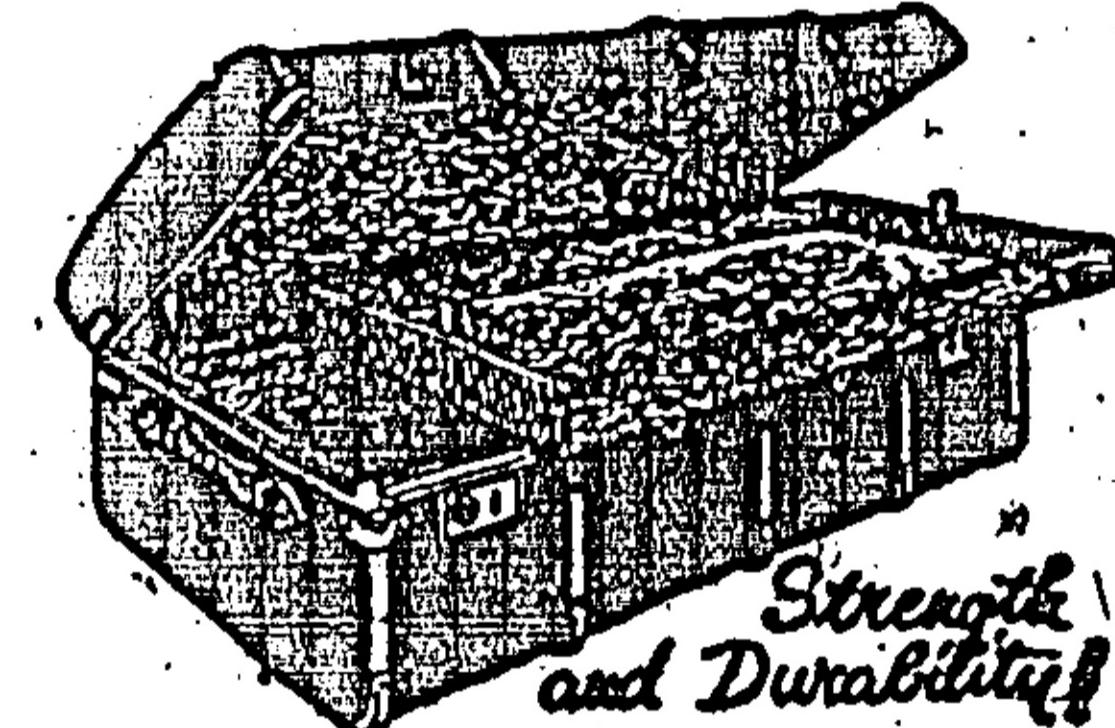
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The Imperial Airways Service between Hong Kong and Bangkok is temporarily suspended. Air mail correspondence will be accepted at the existing rates of postage and will be forwarded by the first opportunity by steamer to Singapore to connect with the east and west bound air services.

An air mail service providing a connection with British Overseas Airways at Rangoon will be available during the period of suspension of the Hong Kong-Bangkok Service. The postage rates for all destinations will be \$1.50 per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. for letters and \$0.75 each for postcards. Mail for this service should be superscribed "Via Rangoon", and bear the usual blue air mail label.

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U. S. ALIENS RED CROSS LEVELS TO REGISTER BARRIERS BETWEEN WAR-TORN COUNTRIES

There is no financial expense to the individual in connection with registering as an alien, but all must be registered before December 26, including those who have filed for naturalisation, the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born declared in a reminder to non-citizens.

In response to questions, the Committee emphasised that rules laid down by the Division of Alien Registration of the Department of Justice requires that non-citizens of more than 14 years must be fingerprinted, and that Filipinos who are not citizens and who are residents of the United States must register. A non-citizen may register in any post office.

Reaching out over barriers of national hatreds the Red Cross is serving these days as a message bearer for thousands of persons anxious to hear some word from relatives or friends back in the war-wrecked "old country."

In Chicago Ill., for instance, Gene de Saint Eduard goes to Red Cross headquarters and in his own handwriting sends a 25-word query to his mother in Brussels free of charge.

Routed through the International Red Cross at Geneva his inquiry finally reaches the hands of a Red Cross worker in Brussels who attempts to reach Madame de Saint Eduard by letter. If there is no reply, he goes in person to investigate.

When a reply is obtainable it is written in the mother's own handwriting on the reverse of Mr. Eduard's query and returned through American Red Cross headquarters here in Washington. Before it is routed to the local chapter, it is translated in order that the news therein, if startling in character, may be broken gently to Gene.

Mostly Good News

Usually replies start off with the best possible news: "We are all well," "We are alive, together and in good health" or "All alive and well," but not infrequently there turns up a more sombre response such as "Address unknown. House burned." Others tell of imprisonments and disappearances of members of the family or friends.

"We need money, underwear, clothing and shoes," says one reply from Poland.

"Don't send money but black thread," says another.

Many plead with their relatives to send them immigration papers so they may come to the United States.

In the year that it had been conducting its inquiry service the American Red Cross has handled approximately 52,000 queries. Nearly half have gone to Poland with several thousand each to Holland, France, Norway, and Belgium. The number dispatched to England has been increasing in recent weeks since bombing of the British Isles began.

German Red Cross

Helps

Replies have been received on approximately 19,000 inquiries, though among them are such inconclusive reports as "Addressee unknown. House burned." Some of the replies coming in now are to messages sent 'way last spring.

In its job of locating people in the war-torn nations, the International Red Cross has full cooperation from the German Red Cross. Once in a while a reply comes through, too, from Soviet Russia, though the International Red Cross has no real working arrangement with the Soviet.

Though their mailbags may sometimes bring sad news to people on the American side of the Atlantic, the 30 men and women working with the Red Cross Inquiry Service take deep satisfaction from the conviction that they are performing a job that even the governments of the great nations of the world could not undertake while international relations are in the present strained condition.

Once in a while their work takes on a definitely heartening hue. There was the recent instance of a young man of the Middle West who began his message to a friend in Paris, "Will you marry me?" The Red Cross people flagged it "special" and are now anxiously awaiting the reply.

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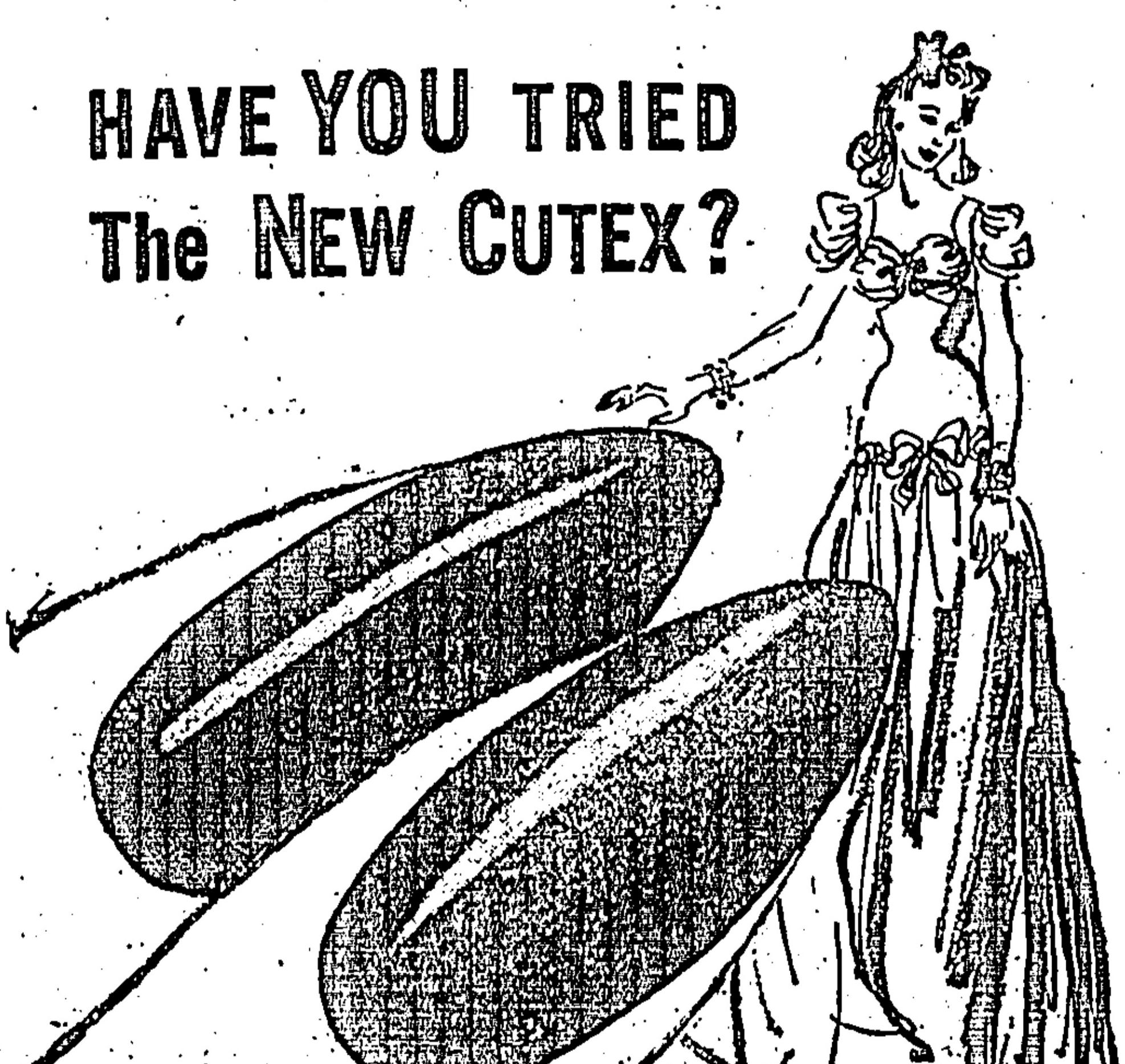
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The Governor-General of Chad Territory;

General Utot, Governor-General of French establishments in the Pacific;

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EVACUATION OF NANNING

Lt.-Gen. Usiroku, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Expeditionary Force in South China, announces that the Japanese forces are evacuating Nanning, Kwangsi, occupied on Nov. 24, 1939, "on their own initiative," as further occupation of the city was meaningless following the entry of Japanese troops into Indo-China, states a semi-official Japanese report from Canton quoted by Reuter.

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Review Of Swimming Season Reveals Progress Among Ladies

Misses Ho Wai-King And J. Anderson Outstanding Ng Nin The Outstanding All-Rounder

By "Natator"

THE MANILA INTERPORT, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN A PERFECT CONCLUSION TO A MOST SUCCESSFUL SWIMMING SEASON, BEING NOW DEFINITELY ABANDONED, SWIMMING ACTIVITY HAS COME TO AN ABRUPT END.

It cannot be denied that the season just concluded has been a most successful one; a point which is borne out by the excellent results obtained at the Colony Championships.

A review of the season reveals some amazing progress, especially among the ladies, a large number of whom have jumped almost direct from the novice class to championship standard. Miss Ho Wai-king of Chinese Bathing Club and Miss Jacqueline Anderson of V.R.C. are undoubtedly the most improved swimmers of the season, both reaching Interport standard, with only one season's training behind them!

Miss Ho Wai-king, for the first time in her swimming career, received coaching at C.B.C. early this year, her time for the 50 yards, being then in the neighbourhood of 40 seconds. By dint of hard work she has climbed the ladder of success, rung by rung, her crowning achievement being the bettering of Miss Yeung Sau-king's National record of 1 min. 23 seconds for the 100 metres. Miss Ho swam the same distance in 1 min. 22 4/5 secs. at the recent Chinese Championships.

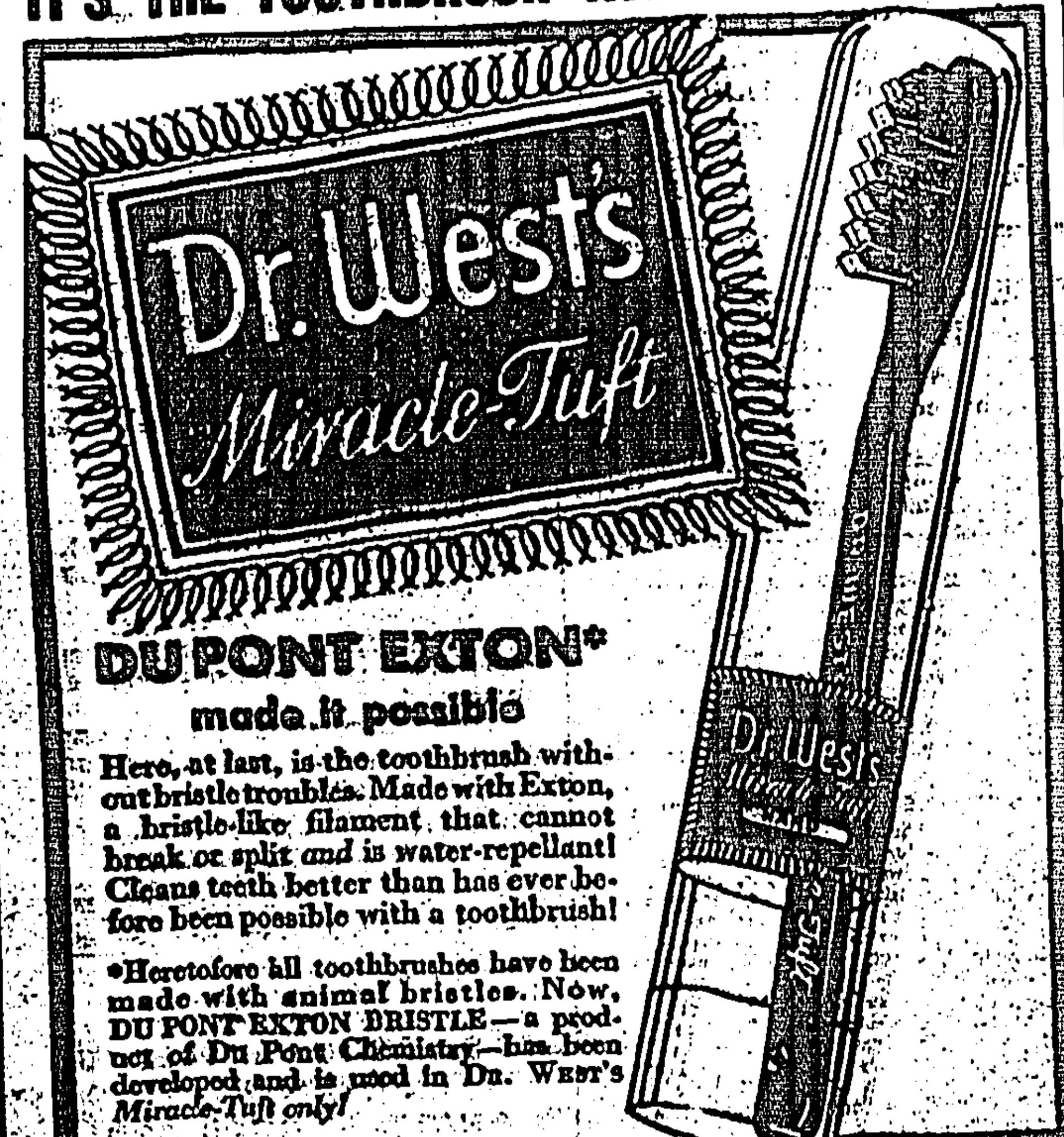
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Miss Anderson has progressed on much the same lines, and her

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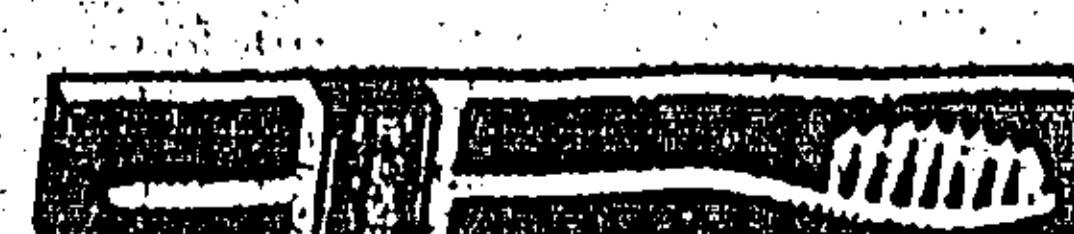
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LAI TSUN UNION CHAMPIONSHIPS

Following is the programme for the Lai Tsun championships this week:

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| 1. 120 yards Medley relay. Open to the Colony.
2. 50 yards back-stroke. Junior members of Lai Tsun.
3. 50 metres free-style. Championship event for Men.
4. 100 yards breast-stroke. Championship for Men.
5. 50 metres free-style. Championship for Ladies.
6. 400 metres free-style. Championship for Men.
7. 50 yards free-style handicap. Members of Lai Tsun.
8. 100 yards free-style relay. Members of Lai Tsun.
9. 100 yards four styles relay. (Back, Breast, Side and Crawl strokes). Open to the Colony.
10. 100 yards breast-stroke. Championship for Ladies.
11. 100 metres free-style. Championship for Men. | 12. 100 yards breast-stroke. Junior members of Lai Tsun.
13. 100 metres back-stroke. Championship for Men.
14. Long Plunge. Championship Event.
15. 220 yards free-style Handicap. Members of Lai Tsun.
16. 120 yards medley relay. Members of Lai Tsun. |
| THURSDAY | |
| 17. 100 yards free-style relay. Teams of four. Open to the Colony.
18. 100 metres back-stroke. Championship for Ladies.
19. 200 metres breast-stroke. Championship for Men.
20. 50 yards free-style. Junior members of Lai Tsun.
21. 1,500 metres free-style. Championship event.
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The prizes will be distributed at the conclusion of the sports by Mr. Yuen Ying-fai.

Time of starting on each day will be 8 p.m.

serves mention for her sudden rise to prominence, in view of the fact that she only learned to swim at the beginning of the season. She has since concentrated on the breast-stroke, and recently won the Chinese Harbour Race, which is over a mile. Her rise to success has perhaps been due to the unending competition put up by her team-mate Ngan Suet-yeo, whom she has always just managed to beat at all their club galas.

Miss Lee Po-luen, whom everybody knows as the breast-stroke champion, is still the best in that class, but will be having serious opposition with the butterfly-stroke. She is known to be practising this stroke occasionally, and perhaps next season will see her adopt it.

Miss Au Disappoints

Miss Au Mei-chuen, of whom great things were expected, has been a great disappointment; in that she has not improved a bit. Miss Lily Sadick and Miss Ip Chul-man have also had an unprofitable season, and although the former is the undisputed backstroke champion, her overall times during the season have not shown improvement. Another swimmer who was just making the grade at the close of the season was Miss Woo Man-ying, who only commenced competing in breast-stroke events last month, being seen for the first time in the Eastern Athletic Association's Annual Championships.

Her progress will be interesting to watch next season, especially as she is having tuition from Kwok Chan-hang, one time Colony champion and record holder.

Miss Celeste Gutierrez also aroused the interest of the swimming public when she won the 440 yards free-style. She later annexed the Harbour title in record time.

Among the men, perhaps David Hutchinson has shown most improvement. In his first season of competition, last year, competent critics forecasted his rise to championship standard, basing their judgment on his natural ability; they have not been disappointed, for he won the 100 yards free-style championship in record time.

Ng In Class Of Own

For the best all-round performances, Ng Nin stands alone, and was selected as first string for the Interport Individual medley event. His success is chiefly due to his foresight in being one of the first to master the butterfly-stroke, which has during the year attained official sanction and is gaining in popularity daily.

In any swimming review it is impossible to omit Chan Chun-nam, long distance swimming marvel, who is easily the most popular swimmer.

Besides having lowered all the national distance records he captured all the long distance titles this year, in three of which he set records. His major achievement was his record breaking

Harbour swim. Charles Huang has also been in the limelight for his persistent struggles with Chan in the Championships. Huang has been the only swimmer ever to have given Chan a fight in the course of the season, this happening when he extended Chan to the utmost in the Colony Championship 220 free-style.

Back-stroker A. K. Rumjahn improved very slightly, but then records are only broken by a fraction of a second. He, however, achieved his ambition of negotiating 100 yards in 70 secs. at the Colony Championships, when he enjoyed a hollow victory due to no competition.

Chan Disappoints

Enrique Chan's non-entry in most of the year's swimming contests was a disappointment to orthodox breast-stroke supporters, who have, and still consider him one of the best. Fong Chung-U, of Lai Tsun, on the other hand, figured prominently during the season, when he competed against almost all the clubs in the Colony with a fair amount of success.

During the season the Medley relay, hitherto only appearing in swimming programmes occasionally, was included in every contest, and has been acknowledged as the most keenly contested event in all the inter-club contests held during the season.

Mainly on account of this popularity, it has now been officially recognised as a Championship event.

The Lai Tsun team started the season in a blaze of glory, but were soon overshadowed by the undefeated V.R.C. trio of Rumjahn, Hutchinson and Taylor. As a whole, however, the Chinese have the stronger free-style relay team. The Chung Shing team of Ng Nin, Shek Kam-pui, Tommy Kew and Lee Fook-ke, which just beat the V.R.C. team in the Championships, is the strongest possible Chinese combination, and it is a team that will be hard to beat.



MISS LEE PO-LUEN.

R.A.S.C. BEATEN

In the second-round of the Small Units knock-out football competition yesterday, R.A.S.C. lost to "C" Coy, Royal Scots, by 3 goals to 2. Hossack (2) and one of the R.A.S.C. scored for Royals and Morgan and Sadler for the Corps, who led 2-0.

C.A.A.F. TO HOLD GALA

(By "Natator")

At this late hour, news has come to hand of the last-minute decision of the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation to hold their Annual Championships, which have been delayed for some time.

Swimmers from South China, Chinese Bathing Club and Chinese Y.M.C.A. will not be participating. The Chung Shing Benevolent Society and the Eastern Athletic Association swimmers only are expected to take part; the other major clubs, including the three mentioned above, having withdrawn their support of the Federation some time ago.

Cause of this sudden decision is not yet known, and Chinese swimmers, even those who were supposed to be in the know, are greatly surprised. The contest is not expected to be as successful as the recent Chinese Championships, but some good times should be returned, mainly by Ng Nin.

It is doubtful, however, whether it is a wise step to organise the contest at this stage of the season when sea conditions are unfavourable, and most of the swimmers have given up swimming in favour of some winter sport.

A.S.C. "A" WIN

Army Service Corps "A" beat Service Corps "B" by 22 shots to 19 in the "China Mail" Charity Cup bowls competition at Kowloon Bowling Green Club yesterday.

"B" scored at only eight heads and had a five at the eighth head and another at the 17th to lead 19-16, but "A" scored 3-1 1 to win by 22-19.

A.S.C. "A"
F. Cullen
W. Hyde
J. G. Meyer
E. Kern
22 (Skip)

A.S.C. "B"
F. Flippance
H. V. Pearse
E. Tuck
C. S. Rosset
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MILLWALL MANAGER SUSPENDED

Following an enquiry by a joint Commission of the F. A. and Football League, appointed as a result of alleged irregularities reported by the directors of Millwall, Mr. Charles Hewitt, the Millwall manager, has been suspended for six months.

Mr. J. W. G. Conquest, former assistant secretary, was merely censured.

Charles Hewitt says: "I have been in consultation with my solicitors. There is an action at law pending. I am confident that my honour and my integrity will be completely vindicated."

TO-DAY'S HOCKEY

Hong Kong Hockey Club will meet Khalsa Hockey Club at King's Park this afternoon in a friendly hockey match commencing at 5 p.m.

Following will represent Club: V. M. Benwell (Capt); A. E. F. Guest and R. G. K. Thompson; D. McLellan, W. A. Reed and N. E. M. Whitley; S. A. Fowler, T. S. D. Whitley, E. J. Fowler, B. I. Bickford and Capt. P. Patterson.

In the Navy Cup polo competition yesterday, Baskots, represented by Wilson, Bompas, Chattox and Atkinson beat Angels, Morgan, Lewis, Hunt and Hancock, 10-4. Seven of the goals were scored by Wilson, Chattox, Morgan, Bompas (2), Hunt and Lewis (2) and the other goals were scored by the other goals.

New Golf Champion's Bad Luck At The 13th Tee Shot Out Of Bounds And Takes Seven

ALEC PEARCE'S golf triumph on Sunday—he won the Colony Championship by one stroke from O. E. C. Marton, four times winner—was indeed a popular one, and the fact that his two sons—John, who has a similar swing to that of Alec, tied for fourth place—were in the first five must have been a source of great satisfaction to "Tam", who was a brilliant all-rounder in his youth.

ALEC'S morning round of 80 would have been better had he not run into trouble at the 13th, where he had a seven as against a par three. His tee shot went out of bounds and he took five shots to reach the green, where he had two putts. In the afternoon round he had a good drive at the 15th (The Arm Chair), but, despite a nice shot, was bunkered and took five as against par four. At the 16th he had an indifferent tee shot, but chipped up nicely for a par three. He duffed his drive at the 18th, but had a magnificent second shot to the back of the green. He was on in three and took two putts.

This is his first Open success, his previous best being his success in a Jasper Clark Cup competition which included O. E. C. Marton among the entrants.

Pearce, who has captained Hong Kong's Interport cricket team against Shanghai, is a very useful tennis player, has played soccer for Club, Rugby at Home, and lawn

TWO FINE CRICKETERS HONOURED

MESSRS. H. R. B. HANCOCK AND T. E. PEARCE, TWO OF THE FINEST CRICKETERS SEEN IN HONG KONG WERE ELECTED LIFE MEMBERS OF HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING YESTERDAY.

In making the proposal, Mr. H. Owen-Hughes said that the articles of the Club permitted only six Life Members at any one time, and it was with the greatest pleasure that he proposed the election of two members who had done so much for the Club both on and off the field.

He went on to say that Mr. Hancock captained the Interport cricket team in 1901 and played till 1933, and those who had had the pleasure of playing with him will remember his easy and free type of play.

Mr. Pearce, he said, played Interport cricket as far back as 1903, and all those who have bowled against Mr. Pearce will agree that there was no one who seemed to have a wider bat.

It was not only on the field, he continued, that the two had done service to the Club. Both had given their best in the interests of the Club at all times.

Great Surprise

In reply, Mr. Hancock said that the proposal came as a great surprise. It was a pleasant thought, however, to know that what he had done for the Club had been appreciated, and explained that though he was no longer active at cricket he always had the interest of the game and Club at heart.

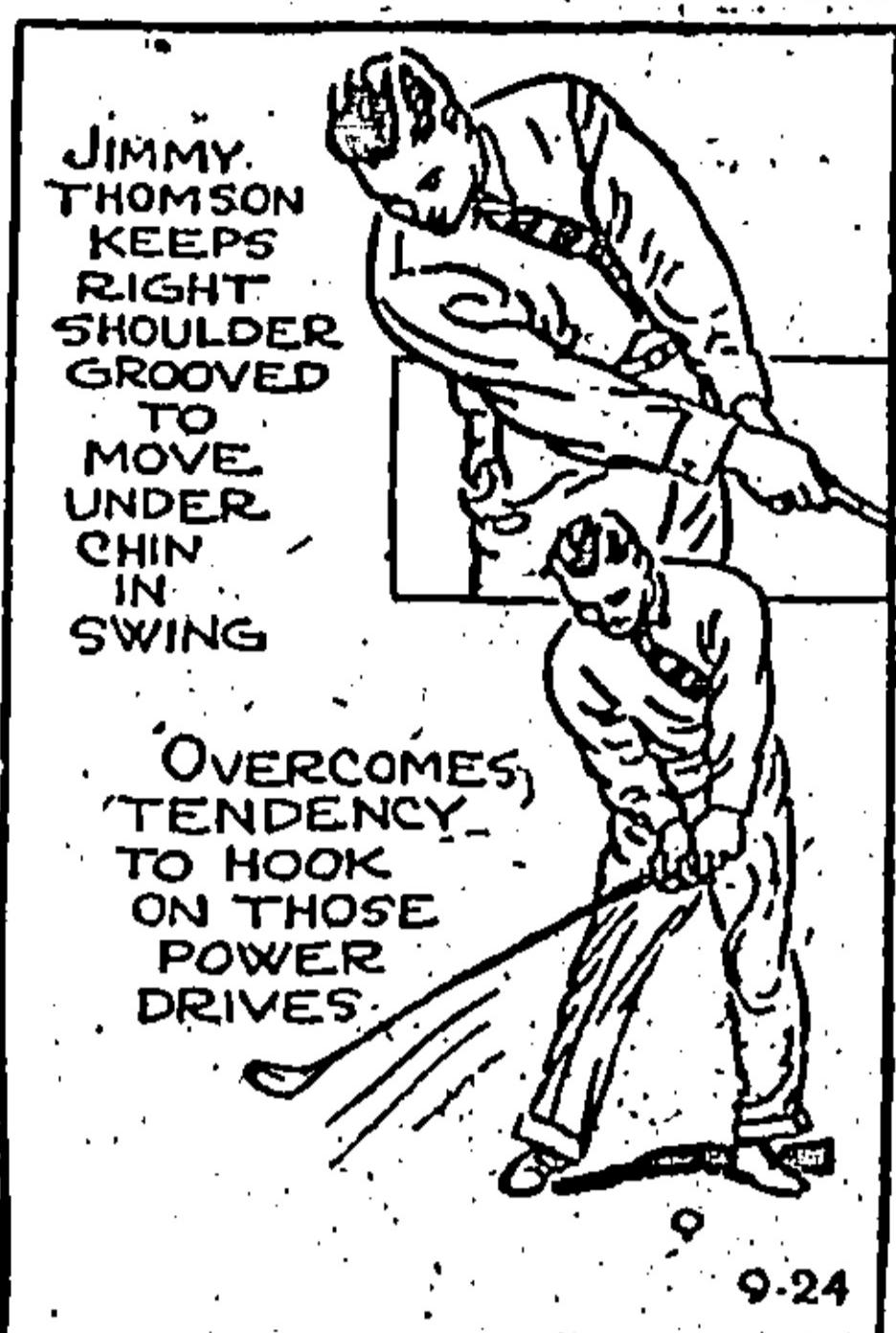
Mr. Pearce said that he joined the Club 38 years ago and had met some of his best friends in the Far East in that Club. This was the most appreciative honour bestowed on him, he said.

During his review of the year, Mr. Hancock said:

"I am afraid that we must wait till we have won the War before again considering the possibilities of Interport Cricket."

Mr. H. R. B. Hancock was re-elected president of the Club and last year's committee, composed of Messrs. T. E. Pearce, H. Owen-Hughes, E. J. R. Mitchell, T. S. Whyte-Smith, V. R. Gordon, T. A. Pearce, G. W. Sewell, A. C. I. Bowker, and T. C. Monaghan, were re-elected en bloc.

GRAPHIC GOLF



Curing A Hook

BY BEST BALL

When one goes out for a little extra distance in his shots, he may without knowing it let his right shoulder come around after his left. The result is a hook as Jimmy Thomson, hard driving professional, found out through experience. He also found out through experience that if he made his right shoulder make a path under his chin as he came into the ball, the hook would go away. Such a manoeuvre brings the clubhead

LESLIE ADAMS RETIRES

Leslie Adams, the famous Rugby League International scrum-half, has retired from the game. Adams has the unique record of winning a Challenge Cup medal with three clubs—Leeds (1932), Huddersfield (1933), and Castleford (1935).

LARGEST FORWARD PASSES

THE RECENT DEATH OF THE FAMOUS INTERNATIONAL RUGBY PLAYER BRIG. H. C. HARRISON, THOUGH IT DID NOT HAPPEN IN ACTION, HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO PASS PRACTICALLY UNNOTICED, WRITES A. L. S. IN "THE DAILY SKETCH".

Time was when "Dreadnought," as he was known to everybody, was one of the best as well as most popular forwards playing. Had his era been during the last 10 years he would have been chosen without opposition for every England 15.

Brig. Harrison was the only man who played in representative Navy v. Army matches for both sides. As a Royal Marine on shore he was in the Army scrum, but when he was afloat they used to land him to put on a blue jersey.

The largest forward ever seen in any of our home union fifteen, "Dreadnor" played four times for England, in 1910 and 1914, which shows how difficult it was to get caps in those days.

Brig. H. C. Harrison had a multitude of friends during his brief stay in Hong Kong.

CLUB "A" FIFTEEN

Club "A" to meet Army "A" in the Rugby match at the Valley to-morrow, commencing at 5 p.m. sharp, is as follows: H. F. Hopkins; H. van Leeuwen, M. G. Cartwrights, D. Hynes and P. B. Wilson; T. O. Morgan and F. J. C. Clemo; J. Moodie, W. Stoker, A. M. Kennedy, R. G. Gairdner, C. F. Needham; J. M. Thomson, G. B. Godfrey and A. G. Dalziel. J. Redman will be the referee.

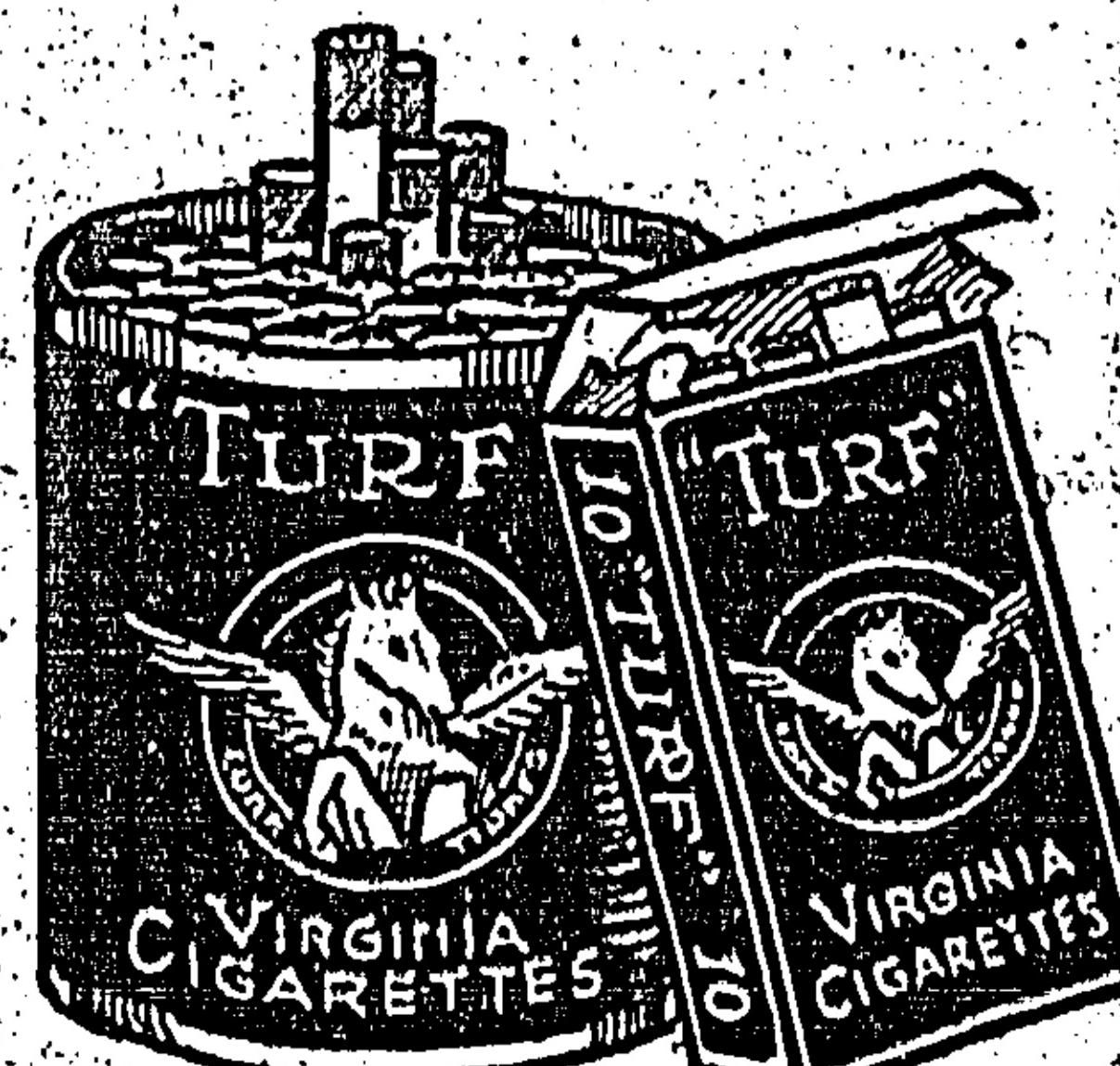
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SKODA WORKS BOMBED

First R.A.F. Attack On Huge Arms Factory

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THE WORLD-FAMOUS Skoda armament works, at Pilsen, in Czechoslovakia, were successfully attacked by R.A.F. bombers during Sunday night, an Air Ministry announcement revealed in London yesterday.

The raid, which was the first R.A.F. attack on this huge arms plant, ended in the early morning yesterday, the twenty-second anniversary of the founding of the Czechoslovakian State.

The Skoda works are one of the three biggest armament factories in the world, covering 400 acres, and employing 50,000 workers. It fell into Ger-

man hands at the time of the occupation in March, 1939.

When the British raiders were near the target after the 750-mile flight from the English coast visibility was so bad that they spent an hour searching for it before the great plant was seen silhouetted against the snow-covered ground.

Fierce fires and explosions followed the attacks, says the Air Ministry, and a pilot who made three separate runs, bombing by the light of flares dropped by other aircraft, reported that all his heavy bombs found their mark.

Incendiaries

These were quickly followed by incendiary bombs which set fire to damaged buildings.

This is one of the most ambitious bombing raids carried out by the R.A.F. who prepared for such long-distance flights with leaflet raids into Czechoslovakia and Austria in the early days of the war. — Reuter.

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GREEKS CONFER WITH U.S.

After a conference with Mr. Cordell Hull, the U.S. Secretary of State, in Washington yesterday, the Greek Minister stated he had not presented formal notice that a state of war existed with Italy.

He said general views on the Greek situation were exchanged at the conference.—Reuter.

ALL H.K. WARDENS MOBILISED

All members of the Corps of Air Raid Wardens are to be mobilised as from 5 p.m. to-day, a proclamation to this effect being issued in a Government Gazette Extraordinary today.

The proclamation reads:

Whereas by section 11 of the Hong Kong Corps of Air Raid Wardens Ordinance, 1940, (Ordinance No. 6 of 1940) it is enacted that in case of apprehended or actual attack on the Colony the Governor by proclamation may call out for active service all or any members of the Corps;

And whereas it is also enacted by the aforesaid section that the period of such active service shall end only by proclamation of the Governor;

Now therefore I, Lieutenant-General Edward Felix Norton, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of Bath, Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, Military Cross, Officer Administering the Government of the Colony of Hong Kong and its dependencies and Vice-Admiral of the same, deeming that such calling out is necessary and shall be continued for the present, DO by this proclamation CALL OUT for active service all the members of the Hong Kong Corps of Air Raid Wardens as from five o'clock p.m. on the 29th day of October, 1940, until my further order.

An official spokesman informs the "China Mail" that the calling out notice has no special significance, and is primarily in connection with the black-out.

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STOP PRESS

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The British Mediterranean Fleet is said to be already in action against the Italians at several places, including Corfu and Crete.

The Greek radio reports that British troops "are already fighting on behalf of Greece."

No Italian soldiers were on Greek soil last night, a Greek communiqué asserted, meaning presumably that the Italian invading forces have been thrown back across the border.

It is thought probable that Turkey will join in against Italy. — International News Service.

It was learned this morning that Mr. G. Yamaguchi, of No. 25, Kennedy Road, who was interned by the Hong Kong Government on August 3, was released and allowed to return to his home at 5 p.m. yesterday.

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MEDITERRANEAN FLEET IN ACTION ROUND GREECE

FRENCH NAVAL BARTER?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The conference between Hitler and Mussolini at Florence yesterday lasted several hours and, according to the official communique, "took place in a spirit of collaboration and in a most cordial atmosphere."

The conference, the communiqué added, revealed "a complete identity of views on all pending questions."

Court Ciano and Ribbentrop, the Italian and German Foreign Ministers, took part in the talks.

Following the meeting Hitler left for Germany at 6 p.m. and Mussolini proceeded to Rome.—Havas.

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RUMANIAN TROOP TRAIN DISASTER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Five were killed and 35 wounded when a military train collided with a passenger train near Broli, between Brasov and Ploesti, in Rumania, yesterday. Six carriages of the military train which were packed with troops were crushed. Scene of the accident was a few miles north of Bucharest.—Havas.

LAVAL AGAIN OFF TO PARIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Following the French Council of Ministers yesterday M. Pierre Laval left for Paris in the evening.—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North and north-east winds, moderate to fresh; cloudy.

Turkish Aid Query?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THERE IS MUCH speculation in London as to whether Turkey will honour her treaty with Greece; it is not known in London whether recent events have caused the alliance to lapse.

Latest official Turkish statement, made in April, promised "all resources" to aid Greece in the event of attack.

London considers it likely that Greece spurned the Italian ultimatum with the full knowledge and consent of Turkey in view of the numerous Greco-Turk diplomatic exchanges over the week-end.

However, a significant speech by Dr. Saydam, the Turkish Premier, made in Ankara on the eve of the seventeenth anniversary

of the Turkish Republic, throws a different light on Turkish reactions to the Italo-Greek war.

Dr. Saydam gave a strong intimation that Turkey would remain neutral and did not even mention Greece in his speech.

In the course of his speech the Turkish Premier emphasised the "blessings of peace."

Turks In Thrace?

Meanwhile the Greek Premier, General Metaxas, has been

Heavy Italian Raid On Athens Airport

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WITHIN A FEW HOURS OF ITALY'S UNPROVOKED ATTACK ON GREECE, BRITISH NAVAL AND LAND FORCES, UNDER THE GUARANTEE GIVEN TO ATHENS LAST YEAR AND OBVIOUSLY ACTING ON A PREPARED PLAN OF CAMPAIGN, WERE FIGHTING BY THE SIDE OF THE GREEKS AT SEVERAL POINTS AROUND THE GREEK COASTS AND ON GREEK ISLANDS.

BRITAIN AND ITALY HAVE BOTH MADE LANDINGS ON GREEK ISLANDS, BRITISH TROOPS OCCUPYING CRETE AND ITALIAN FORCES DISEMBARKING AT CORFU, THOUGH A COMMUNIQUE LATER ISSUED IN ATHENS ASSERTED: "THERE ARE NO ITALIAN SOLDIERS ON GREEK SOIL TO-NIGHT."

It is known that Italian warships shelled Corfu after an engagement with Greek naval units off the island, while the British Mediterranean Fleet is already in action against the Italians at several places, including Corfu and Crete.

British troops are already fighting on behalf of Greece, says the Greek radio, and though no details were given, it is presumed the clash occurred on Crete.

The Italians have thrown 200,000 troops into the battle, mainly in the advance into Greece from Albania.

Italian forces pouring across the border were reported to have captured Kotur, six miles inside Greek territory in their first forward rush, but Greek troops have penetrated into Albania as far as ten miles at one point.

Italian heavy artillery has shelled Florina, Kastoria and Piraeus.

Air Battles

The Italian air force has already gone into action. Tatoi airport, near Athens, was raided several times, 15 being killed and 63 injured.

Unofficially it is stated in Athens that 17 Italian planes have been downed but the loss of some Greek planes is admitted.

Before nightfall Athens' anti-aircraft guns went into action twice and drove off sky raiders.

Italian machines have also raided Florina, Kastoria, Piraeus, Patras and Aleusis.

Dog-Fight Over Bridge

There was a fierce air battle when Italian planes tried to reach the bridge over the Corinth Canal connecting the Peloponnesus with the mainland.

General Metaxas, the Greek

holding a series of conferences with the Yugoslavian, Turkish, Bulgarian and British Ministers.

He telephoned to the Turkish President, Dr. Inönü, for fifteen minutes, following which an unconfirmed report was issued that further Turkish forces were being concentrated in Thrace.

YUGOSLAVIA CABINET SUMMONED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A MEETING OF THE YUGOSLAV COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WAS HURRIEDLY SUMMONED IN BELGRADE LAST EVENING TO EXAMINE THE SITUATION CREATED FOLLOWING THE OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES BETWEEN ITALY AND GREECE.

It is not believed that any official statement will be issued on (Cont'd at Foot of Preceding Col.)

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Hitler, after his meeting with Mussolini, left Florence for Germany at 6 o'clock last evening.—Reuter.

(By Reuter's Military Correspondent)

'PLANES AND MEN sent by air and sea in the recent past to reinforce the R.A.F. in the Middle East should not be long in joining battle with the Italians to protect Greece.'

While the Italian threat to Egypt was the major motive for the steps taken to increase the power of the R.A.F. there, I understand that Italy's latest move was clearly foreseen at the time.

The fact remains that the R.A.F. is now faced with the beginning of its sternest task—fore-stalling, with the British Navy and Army, the Axis' drive to the East and the oil that Hitler and Mussolini need so badly.

The necessity to prevent a dispersal of effort which could be used to better effect elsewhere must limit the extent of immediate help that can be given Greece in the air.

Naval Action

All that can possibly be done at once will be done.

The British Navy is almost certain to be the first to answer Greece's call for "certain assistance" and with it will move the Fleet Air Arm.

The Greek air force is modelled on the R.A.F. and equipped with British and French planes. It is sturdy—but desperately small.

British fighters have gone to the Near East in a steady stream for some time and heavy bombers could operate from Alexandria, Haifa or Cyprus.

But the offensive like the defensive power of the R.A.F. fighting besides the Greeks, will be immeasurably improved by the use of landing grounds such as in Greece from which medium bombers and fighters could operate against the invader at shorter range.

Greeks Stubborn

Main weight of the Italian attack appears to be directed against Florina, near the principal pass leading out of the Albanian mountains.

Greek troops are resisting stubbornly all along the line and have even advanced at one point into Albania.

The Italians also appear to be making a second thrust towards Epirus.

Italian troops in Albania are estimated at about 180,000 equipped with 250 tanks.—Reuter.

GREEK WAR BREVITIES

THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE BRITISH G.O.C., MIDDLE EAST, MAJOR-GENERAL A. F. SMITH, WAS DUE TO ARRIVE IN ANKARA, TURKEY, BY AIR YESTERDAY.

Major-General Smith is to have conversations with the Deputy Chief of the Turkish General Staff.

Athens Raid Alarm

A second air raid alarm sounded in Athens at 2.10 yesterday afternoon and lasted 50 minutes. Anti-aircraft guns were in action.—Reuter.

British Assurance

The British Minister in Athens, on instructions from London, will assure General Metaxas, the Greek Premier, that Britain will give Greece all possible assistance in defending herself against the Italian aggression.—Reuter.

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SEA BATTLE OFF CORFU REPORTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Being the heaviest consumers of electricity, Tokyo factories have decided to close their plants one day each week in order to avoid a repetition of last year's power shortage, says the "Asahi" Hava.

In both places the Italians will have to overcome mountainous country.

Italian troops have been stationed in Albania for some time and have probably accumulated sufficient ammunition and stores to make them independent of sea communications.

They are thought to comprise some 10 or 11 divisions of about 200,000 men, including one armoured division and one crack "Alpine" division.—Reuter.

MR. CHURCHILL'S MESSAGE TO GEN. METAXAS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mr. Winston Churchill yesterday sent a message to General Metaxas, the Greek Premier, promising "all the help in our power."

Mr. Churchill added: "We shall share the united victory." — International News Service.

TURKS IN THE WAR?

Report Not Yet Confirmed

On inquiry at the Turkish Embassy in London, Reuter was informed that no information has been received regarding a report circulating to the effect that Turkey and Italy are at war.

IT WAS OFFICIALLY STATED IN ATHENS THAT GENERAL METAXAS, THE GREEK PREMIER, HAD A 15-MINUTES TELEPHONE TALK WITH THE TURKISH PRESIDENT YES-TERDAY, AND ALSO RECEIVED THE BRITISH, YUGOSLAV AND TURKISH MINISTERS IN ATHENS.—REUTER.

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Empress Of Britain Was Afire From End To End

Nazi' Planes Attack 700 Miles Off The Irish Coast

SURVIVORS FROM THE "EMPEROR OF BRITAIN" WHO WERE LANDED AT A WESTERN ENGLISH PORT ON SUNDAY, DECLARED THE LINER WAS BOMBED 700 MILES OFF IRELAND ON SATURDAY MORNING.

The enemy aircraft then disappeared but returned and dropped four more bombs, including incendiaries.

A number of people were killed when bombs exploded and some of the ship's life-boats caught fire and could not be lowered, but as there was little danger of the ship sinking immediately, there was plenty of time for passengers to take to the lifeboats before the liner was completely ablaze from stern to stern.

The last were taken off some six hours after the attack.

In the meantime there was no panic, women and children calmly obeying instructions to remain below until it was time to leave.

The youngest passenger was a baby boy 11 months old who was strapped to a sailor's back to go down the ladder into the boat.

Rafts Out Of Doors

Captain Charles Sapsworth, the commander, stood on the bridge encouraging his gunners as they battled with the raider until all were killed or wounded and the guns out of action.

Capt. Sapsworth is believed to be among the survivors.

The crew made rafts out of cabin doors in case the boats proved insufficient.

A member of the crew declared the raider machine-gunned passengers after the ship's anti-aircraft guns were out of action.

He praised the women stewards who, he said, behaved marvellously.

Flying Boat Aids

An R.A.F. man repaired the damaged engine of a lifeboat and this was used to tug the heavy lifeboats from place to place, picking up survivors, while a naval officer on board the liner led a party of men through the flames and smoke to lower a lifeboat which saved many lives.

A British flyingboat spotted the blazing liner and brought warships to the rescue.—Reuter.

A frequent visitor to Hong Kong on round-the-world voyages, the Empress of Britain was built by John Brown in 1931. Tenth largest vessel in the world (until the Queen Elizabeth was launched) she was of 42,848 tons gross register and was 733 feet long. In 1934, she won the Atlantic "Blue Riband" with a Quebec to Cherbourg voyage of 5 days 6 hours 55 minutes, giving the C.P.R. the proud distinction of being the

SOVIET GUARDS AGAINST PLAGUE

Owing to the bubonic plague in north Manchuria, the Soviet Government is imposing quarantining regulations at Otoro and Polanichnaya railway stations and at the ports of Vladivostok and Nikolayevsk. It was stated in Moscow yesterday. All passengers from Manchuria are affected.—Reuter.

Mr. A. Bethell, of No. 5 Belgrave Street, Kowloon Tong, has reported the theft of an electric fan, valued at \$60, from his residence yesterday morning.

BLENHEIMS GET IN AMONGST INVASION PORTS

A BIG SHARE in Sunday's R.A.F. air operations is stated in an Air Ministry news bulletin to have been taken by Coastal Command Blenheims. One force scored repeated direct hits on one of the power stations at the naval base at Lorient.

The night was very dark but the first aircraft dropped a salvo of bombs which caused a great explosion followed by a fire glow visible 35 miles away and which served as an effective guide, and with the added help of flares one of the following aircraft made a direct hit on the power station.

Later in the attack another Blenheim made more direct hits with a salvo.

"I heard the bomb-almer say the bombs had gone," said the pilot. "Then I heard him shout, 'We've hit it.' My observer reported an explosion and a big blue flash from the power station after our bombs had burst."

Another Blenheim of the Coastal Command, patrolling the French coast, bombed Querqueville aerodrome near Cherbourg, and scored direct hits on a hangar.

Another Blenheim of the Coastal Command, patrolling the Dutch coast, bombed German supply ships, "shot up" the crew of a big coastal gun and fought three Messerschmidts on the way home.

When the Blenheim emerged from cloud over Den Helder there were a number of ships in the docks below. The pilot dived and bombed them from only a few hundred feet.

Fighters Batten Off

A little later he observed a big gun emplacement thoroughly. The gun crew scattered and ran for cover but several were hit.

When the Blenheim set course for its base it was attacked from

BULGARIA HOPES TO STAY NEUTRAL!

"Our policy to-day is one of neutrality and definitely there is no reason to believe it will change," declared a Bulgarian diplomat to Reuter in London yesterday.



Home Guard men, taking an intensive course in modern, realistic methods of warfare, are seen here learning how to deal with dive bombers. This picture was taken at Osterley Park, Home Guard training school, where ingenious apparatus has been devised to swing a model bomber down in a realistic dive over the heads of gunners, who "blaze away" at it with their rifles. (Copyright, Fox).

KWANGSI OPERATION

Sweeping successes have been scored in the Chinese offensive in south Kwangsi.

Lungchow, important communication centre on the Indo-China border, was recaptured at 5.30 a.m. yesterday, while another Chinese column took Mingkiang, south-west of Lungchow. Suiliu on the Tso River was regained at noon.

On the Peking-Nanning highway the Chinese re-occupied Santang, Chinyuling and Tatowling. Japanese aircraft dumped tons of explosives upon the Chinese and Japanese reinforcements launched counter-attacks at Kanhu, Yiling and Tenghsiang, but failed to check the Chinese attacks.—Central News.

CAIRO REACTIONS

INFORMED POLITICAL CIRCLES IN CAIRO WERE NOT SURPRISED BY THE ITALIAN INVASION OF GREECE BUT THE NEWS CAME AS A SHOCK TO ORDINARY EGYPTIANS.

Faith in Mussolini's word is no longer felt by Egyptians or foreigners. It is recalled that on Italy's entry into the war Mussolini stressed he had no designs on Yugoslavia, Switzerland, Egypt or Greece.—Reuter.

RAID ON KUNMING

Thirteen Japanese planes raided Kunming yesterday morning. About twenty civilians were killed and wounded.—Central News.

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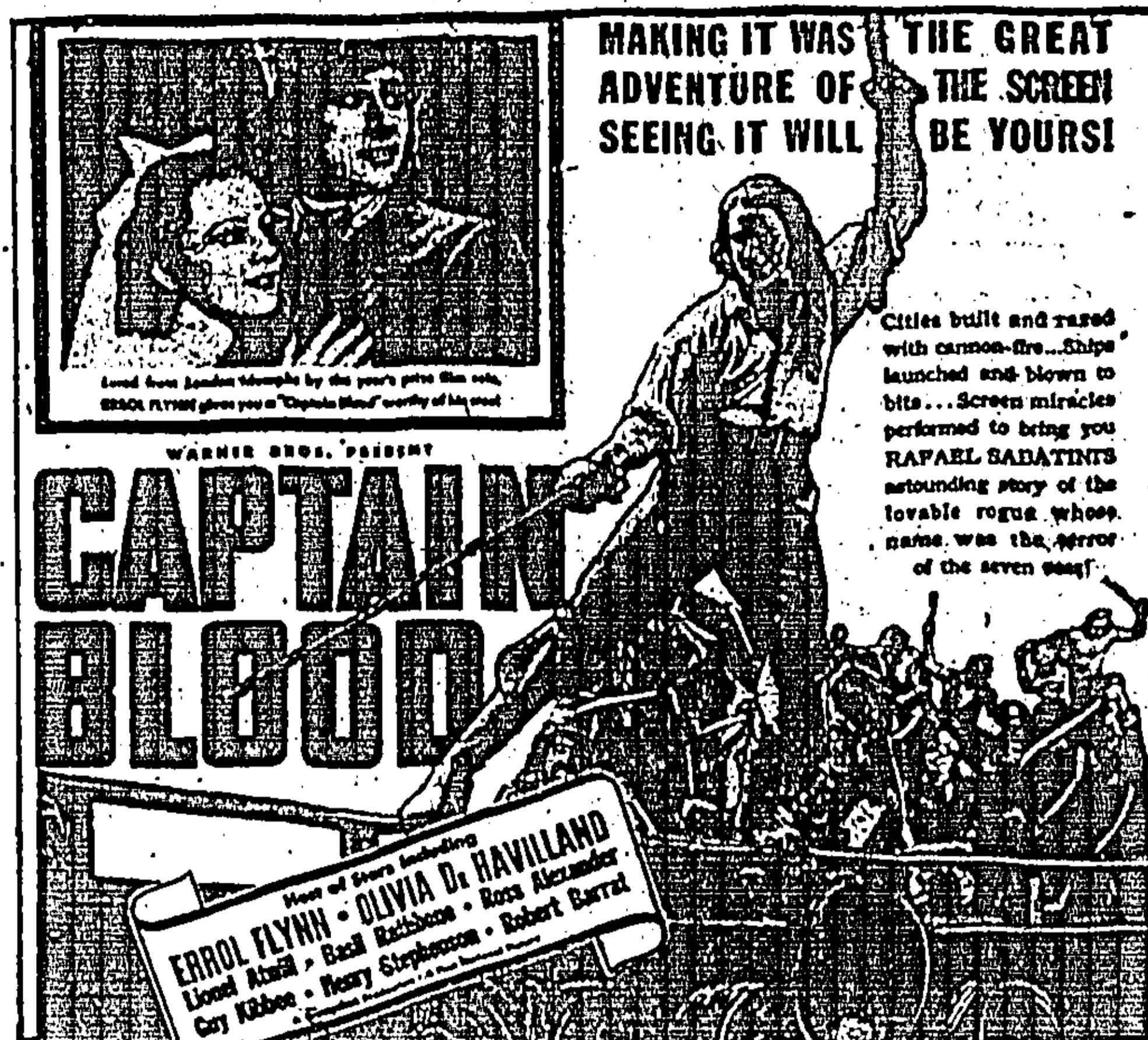
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The Minister of Aircraft Production acknowledges a gift of £6,000 from Richmond, Surrey, Spitfire Fund, (the "plane-to-be called, 'Jubilee') and £10,000 as a further contribution from British communities in China.—British Wireless.

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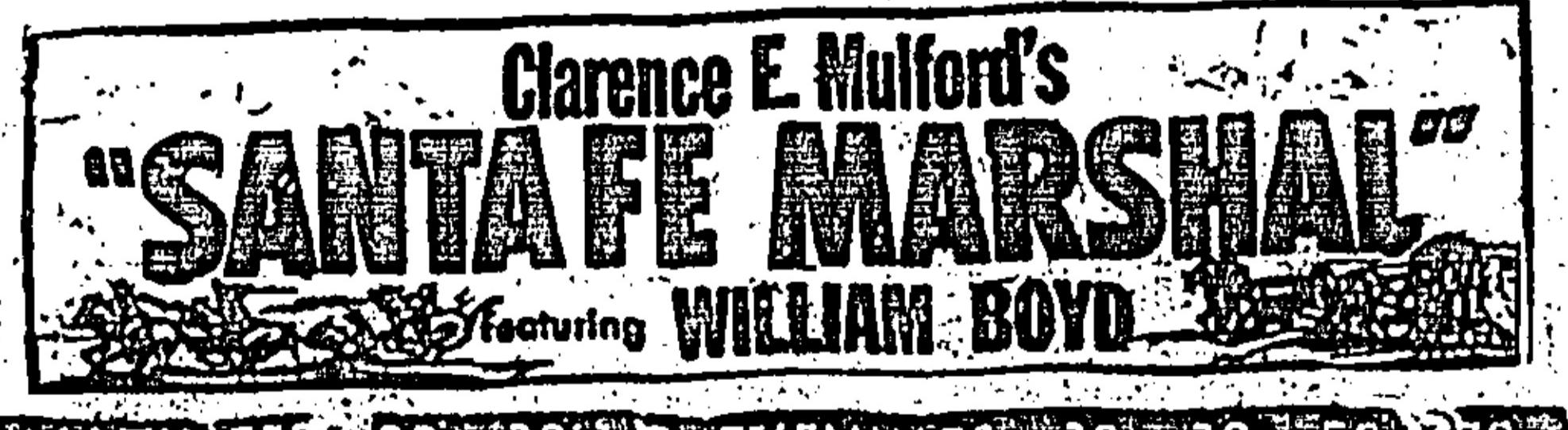
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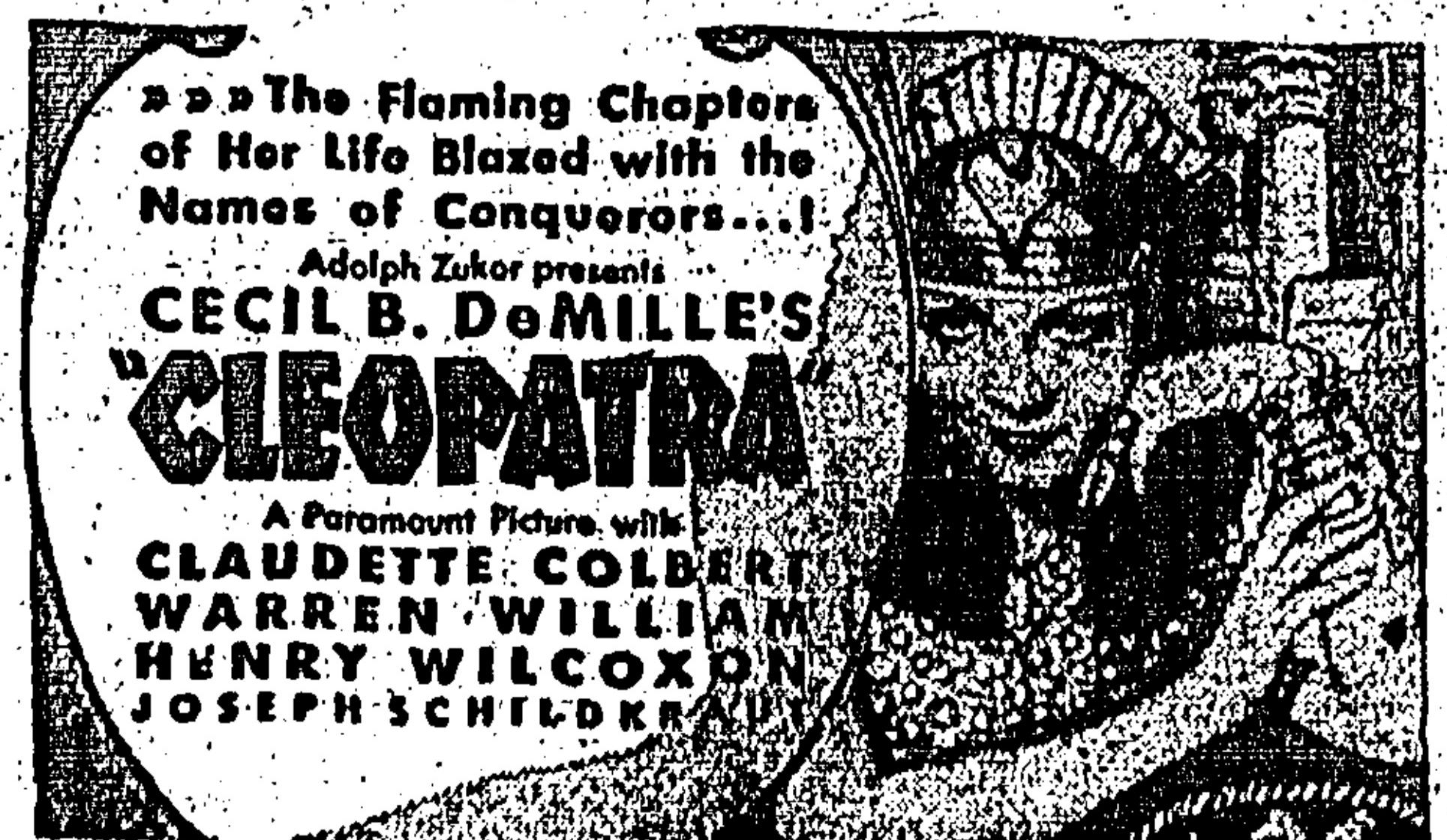
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SPITFIRE PILOT HAS GAY ADVENTURE

A SPITFIRE PILOT WHO, DURING AN ACTION JOINED UP BY MISTAKE WITH SIX MESSERSCHMIDTS AND "PROTECTED" THEM, TELLS THE STORY WITH A HAPPY ENDING IN AN AIR MINISTRY BULLETIN ISSUED YESTERDAY.

While weaving about his squadron over south-eastern London he was sent off to identify enemy formations. When he came back to direct the remaining Spitfires to the attack he joined up by mistake with the Messerschmidts. He did not stay long as their protector.

"When I realised what I was doing," he said, "I got a pretty fair shock. I went in to the attack double quick and a running fight began.

One Messerschmidt did a barrel roll to the left. I fired and he dropped back. I was then engaged from astern and lost a bit of ground.

By the time we got to Hastings I had caught the rest up again and knocked bits off one.

Another was half a mile or more below and behind the others as they crossed the coast. He was dropping back and I went to finish him off when six more Messerschmidt 109's came down at me from over the Channel in line abreast.

Flat Into His Feet

They went into line astern and circled round me at about thirty yards intervals but number six was about a hundred yards behind number five so I went for him. He climbed steeply in a close turn.

I had about 300 miles per hour on the clock, so pulled up almost vertically and gave him a burst flat into his feet from beneath. He rolled over and went straight down.

By this time number one was on my tail so I went down behind number six, who was still going straight down in a slow aileron turn at 10,000 feet.

But number one was still worrying me so I went into a steep left-hand turn and blacked out. On recovering there were no more enemy in sight so I climbed again and went home." — British Wireless.

U.S. APPLIES NEUTRALITY ACT

The United States is applying the Neutrality Act to Greece.

President Roosevelt reached Newark on his way from New York to Washington yesterday, and is reported to have had telephone discussions with Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney-General.

The President was to make two speeches last night and his secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, said that his plans would have to depend on whether or not he could get by air from Washington the necessary papers to sign to apply the Neutrality Act to Greece, freezing her credits and cash in the United States.

Mr. Cordell Hull, it is understood, has been instructed to draft the necessary orders. — Reuter.

MILLIONS FOR GOOD WORKS

The Red Cross of St. John Fund for sick and wounded in the war rose yesterday by a further £1,000 and now amounts to £3,31,000.

The Lord Mayor of London's Air Raids Distress Fund amounts to £1,320,000.

Directors of Empire Dairies Ltd., resident in Australia and New Zealand, sent £5,000 and there was a similar sum from Mr. Howard Gould, of New York. — British Wireless.

LIBERATION WILL BE THE SIGN

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and of the World Zionist Organisation, has, according to an Agency message, sent the following message to President Benes on the occasion of the 22nd anniversary of the foundation of the Czechoslovak Republic:

"To you, as leader of the Czechoslovak nation, I send my warmest wishes for the future. The enslavement of your country was the beginning of the European catastrophe. Its liberation will be a sign that the cause of freedom has triumphed." — British Wireless.

NEW GOVERNOR OF MACAO

The new governor of Macao, His Excellency Commander Gabriel Maurico Teixeira, arrived from Mozambique, Portuguese East Africa, in Hong Kong to-day on his way to Macao.

His Excellency was accompanied by Madam Teixeira, their two daughters and son, his A.D.C. and private secretary, all of whom boarded the Portuguese sloop "Goncalo Velho" at 11 a.m. for Macao.

A Portuguese delegation, comprising Mr. F. P. de V. Soares, acting Consul-General in Hong Kong, Mr. G. A. de Figueiredo, Chairman of the Club Lusitano, Mr. D. P. J. Lopes, Secretary of the Club Lusitano, and Dr. Gouveia de Carvalho, Secretary to the acting Governor of Macao, welcomed the Governor and his family.

After visiting the Portuguese Consulate, the new Governor boarded the Portuguese sloop where they were welcomed by the Commander of the ship and the Harbour Master of Macao.

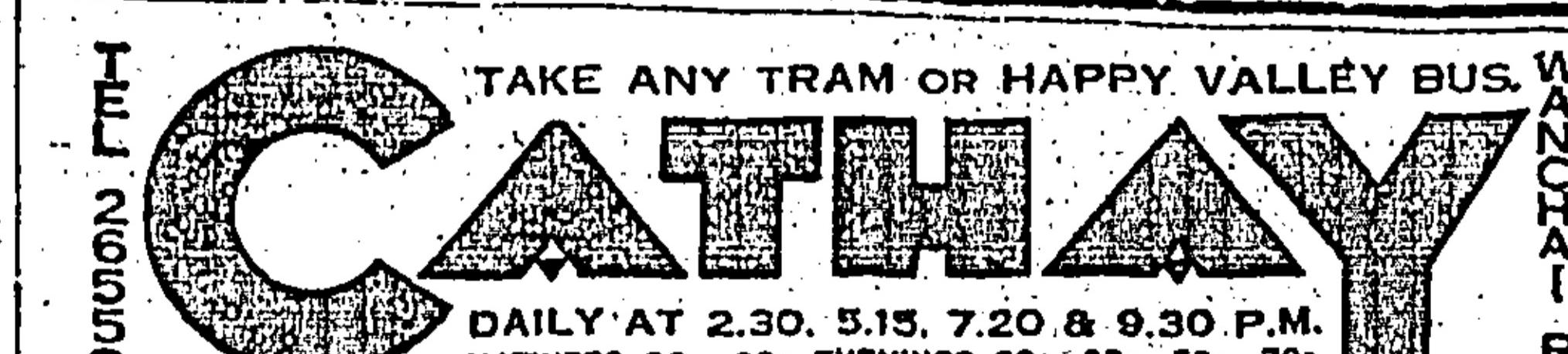
Commander Teixeira is a member of the Portuguese Parliament and prior to his appointment to succeed the late Dr. Tamagnini Barbosa, was Harbour Master at Mozambique.

FORMER CHINA SHIP FOUNDERS

THE CANADIAN DESTROYER MARGUREE, WHOSE LOSS IN NORTH ATLANTIC FOLLOWING A COLLISION IN DARKNESS WITH A LARGE MERCHANT SHIP ON OCTOBER 22 WAS ANNOUNCED IN OTTAWA YESTERDAY, WAS FORMERLY H.M.S. DIANA.

She replaced H.M.C.S. Fraser, which sank following a collision during the evacuation of Bordeaux. — Reuter.

*** H.M.S. Diana, was formerly on the China Station, and was a destroyer of 1,375 tons carrying four 4.7 inch guns. She was part of the Defender class, the others being Dainty, Daring, Decoy, Defender, Delight, Diamond and Duchess, all of which were formerly part of the 21st Destroyer Flotilla attached to the China Station.



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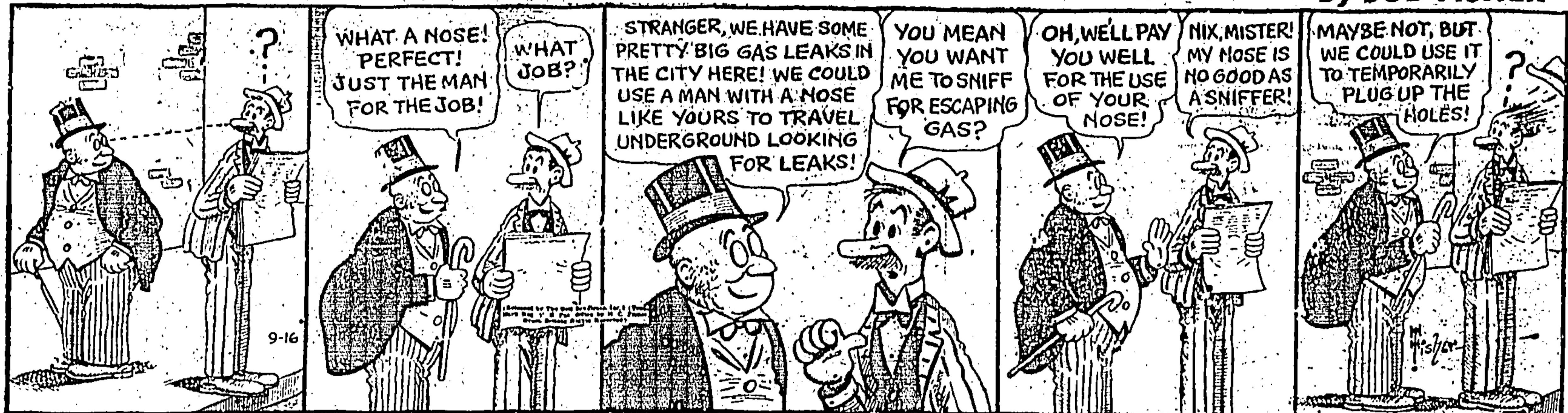
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N.E.I. LEGION RALLYING TO WAR ON HITLER

Pilots from the Netherlands East Indies are shortly leaving Batavia for England, according to the Batavia wireless yesterday. The pilots will join their Dutch colleagues collaborating with the R.A.F.

A Dutch East Indian Legion will follow shortly to join the Dutch Legion already in England.—Reuter.

IT WAS LEARNED in informed London quarters last night that the British Minister in Athens has been instructed to assure General Metaxas that Britain will give Greece all assistance in her power in defending herself against an Italian attack.

This news will be received with every approval by all sections of the British public whose admiration for the gallant Greek people in refusing to be intimidated by Axis bullying is unbounded.

No surprise is, however, felt at this manifestation of Grecian fortitude, for every schoolboy knows that in the fair land of Greece is the very birthplace of Western civilisation.

It is not for the first time that the ideal of free lands for free people has been challenged. It is not for the first time that Greek culture, who civilised the peoples of Europe, has met with determined attack.

Powers Of Darkness

But in spite of all the powers of darkness that lamp has never been wholly extinguished. It is, however, ironic that the dagger held at the throat of the Greek race should be in the hand of an Italian leader.

Mussolini continually reverts to the ancient splendours of Rome and to the great contribution the Romans made to European civilisation. Yet that contribution would have been nothing had it not been for the inspiration provided by the Greeks.

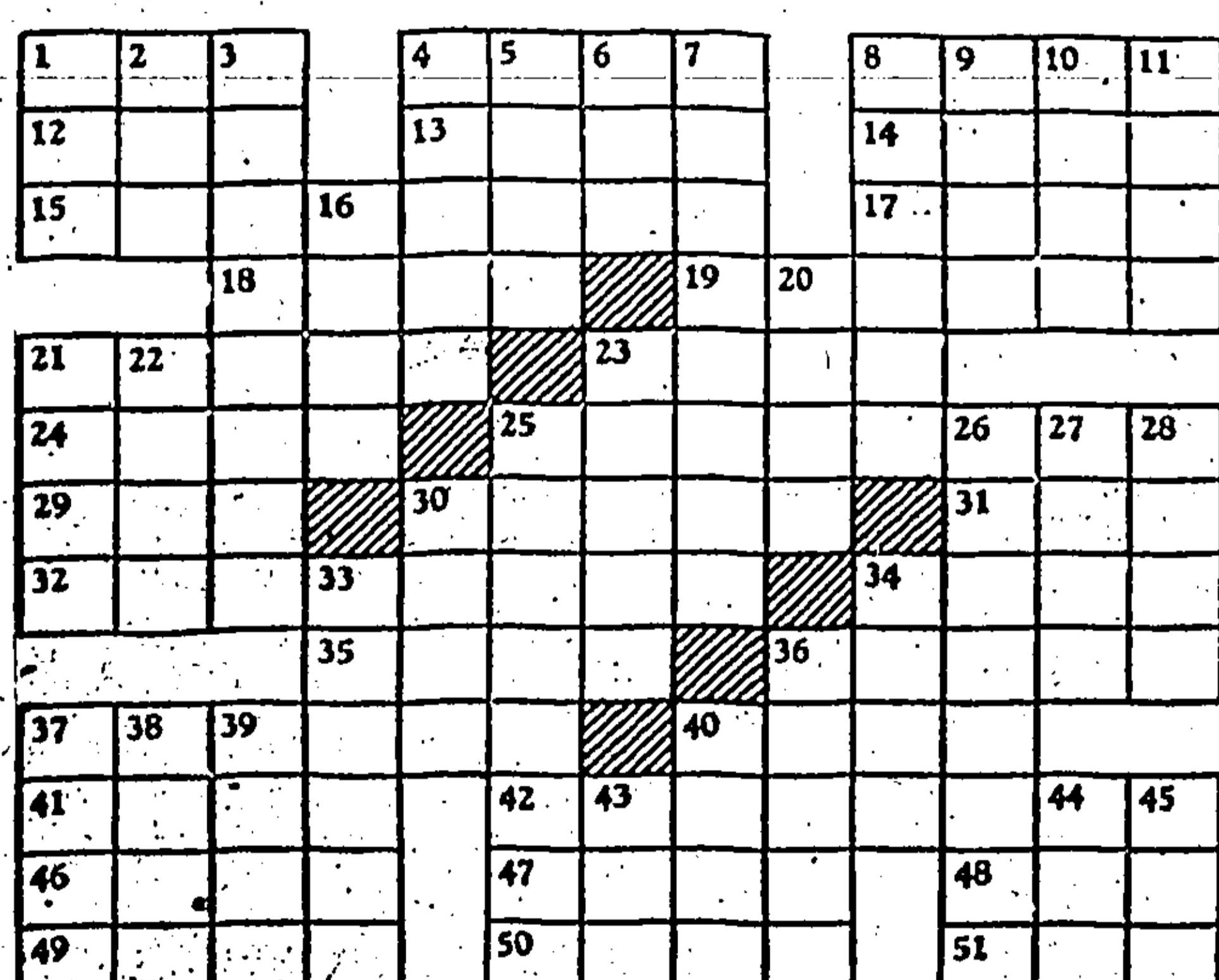
The race that probably owes more than any other to Athenian culture is the very one acting in conjunction with descendants of the tribe that threatens to overthrow the cradle of Western civilisation. Yet no one amongst the heirs of Greece, wherever they may be—and they are distributed throughout the world—doubts for a single moment that a second renaissance, will come to Europe.

Triumphant Struggle

Just as through the darkness of mediaeval times the light of Greece was carefully tended until it once again illuminated the whole world, so now will the free people of the world eventually overcome the dark hordes and bring back freedom to the victims of oppression.

It is indeed fitting that Greece and Britain are associated together in that triumphant struggle.—British Wireless.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- Biblical character
- Self-assured
- To toss carelessly
- Literary scraps
- Allowance for weight of container
- Comfort
- Mutual agreements
- African river
- Neat
- Leather worker
- To step
- Certain
- Worl
- Fruits intermediate between the peach and plum
- Poem
- Metal
- Female ruff
- Edited
- Efficacy
- Female student
- Heroic acts
- Treatise
- To merit

- To rant
- Maker of a will
- Among
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- Part of "to be"
- Constructed
- Fades away
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VERTICAL

- To poke
- South American language
- Traded
- Dignified
- To cripple
- Pitcher
- Made expressive movements
- Small African fox
- Rested
- Alt
- To gaze
- To seize
- Seed covering
- God of thunder
- To interpret
- Haste
- Confirmed
- Eastern
- To conduce
- Places
- Native of Great Britain
- To agree
- Egyptian measure
- Tropical fruits
- Mine car
- Indian mythological hero
- Eager
- Seri
- Silkworm
- Anglo-Saxon money
- To soak

MILD QUAKE FELT IN MANILA

Manila residents, especially those living in tall buildings as hotels and clubs, felt a mild earthquake lasting 20 seconds, says the "Manila Bulletin." The weather bureau reported that the earthquake was of tectonic origin, was of intensity II, and had its epicentre about 300 miles from Manila in a direction still undetermined. The tremors were recorded beginning at 8:30:40 p.m.

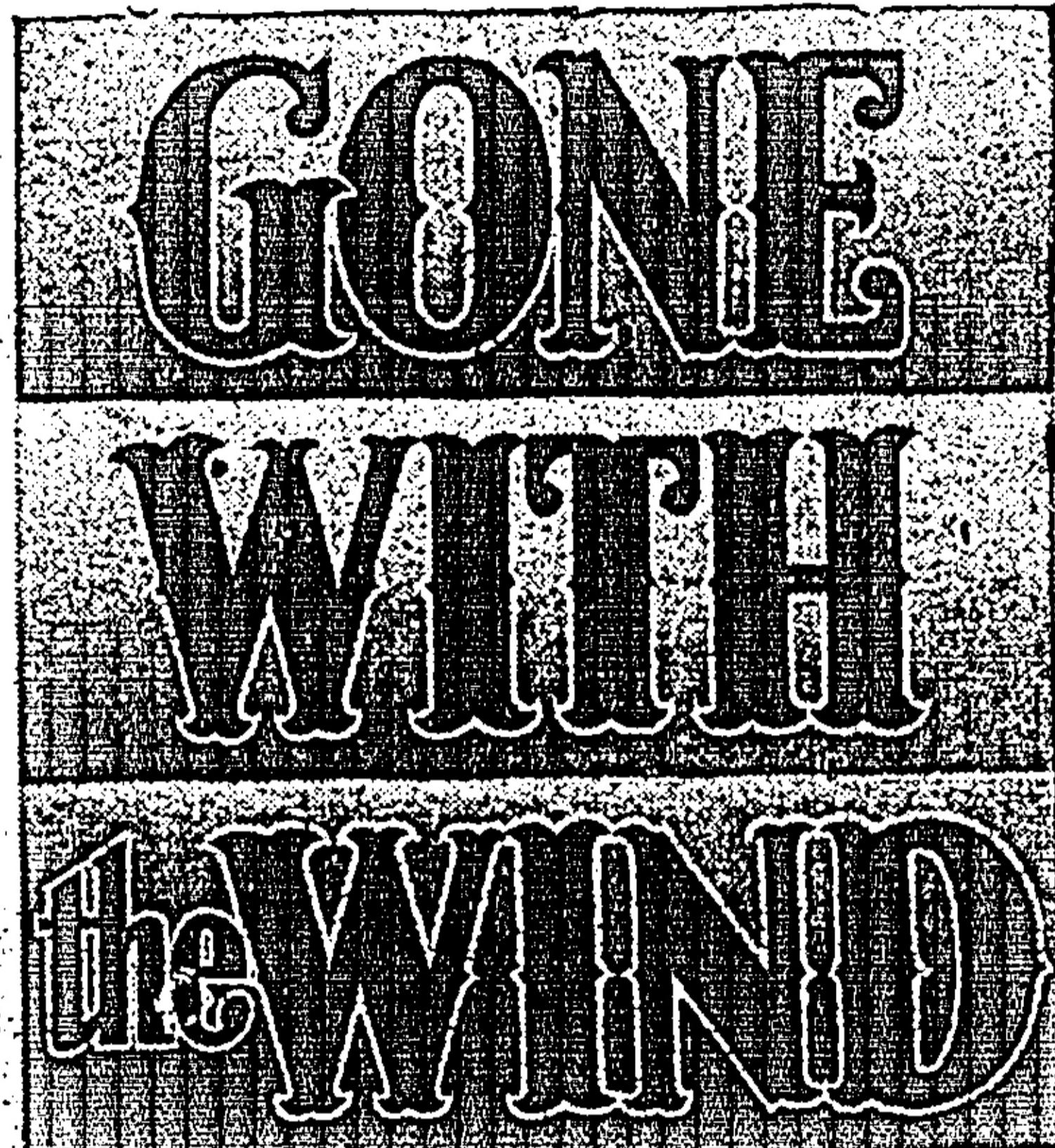
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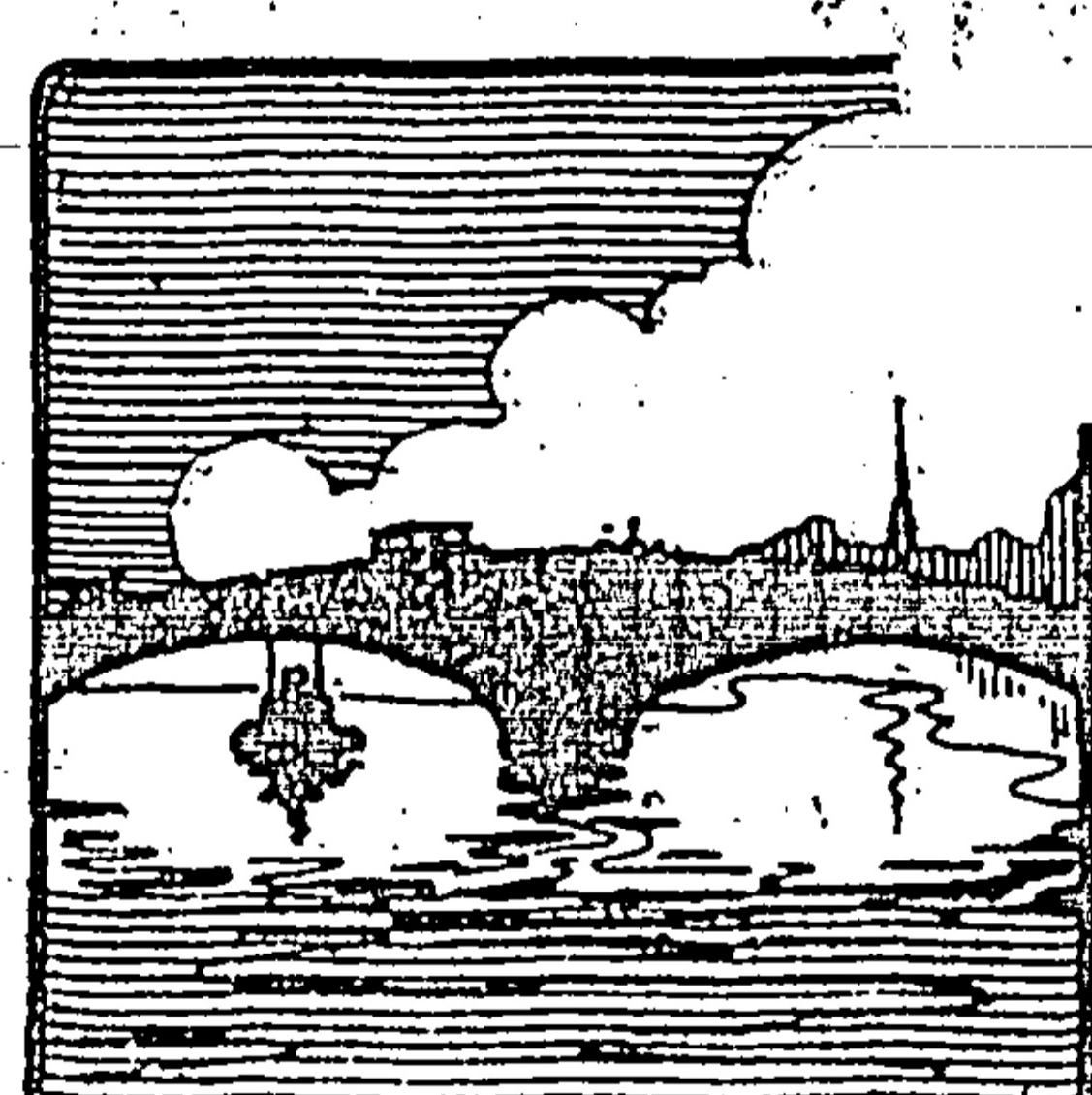
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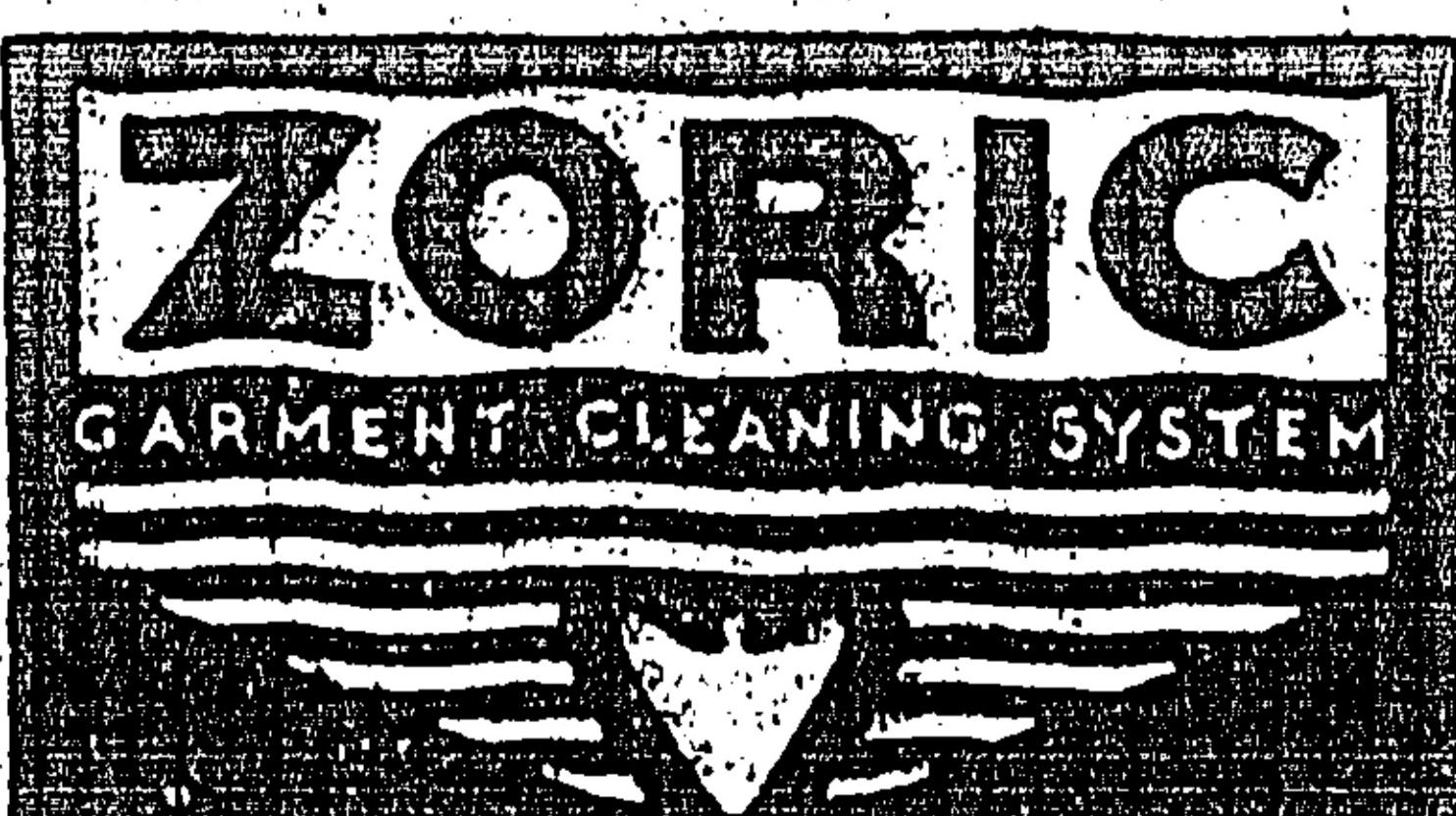
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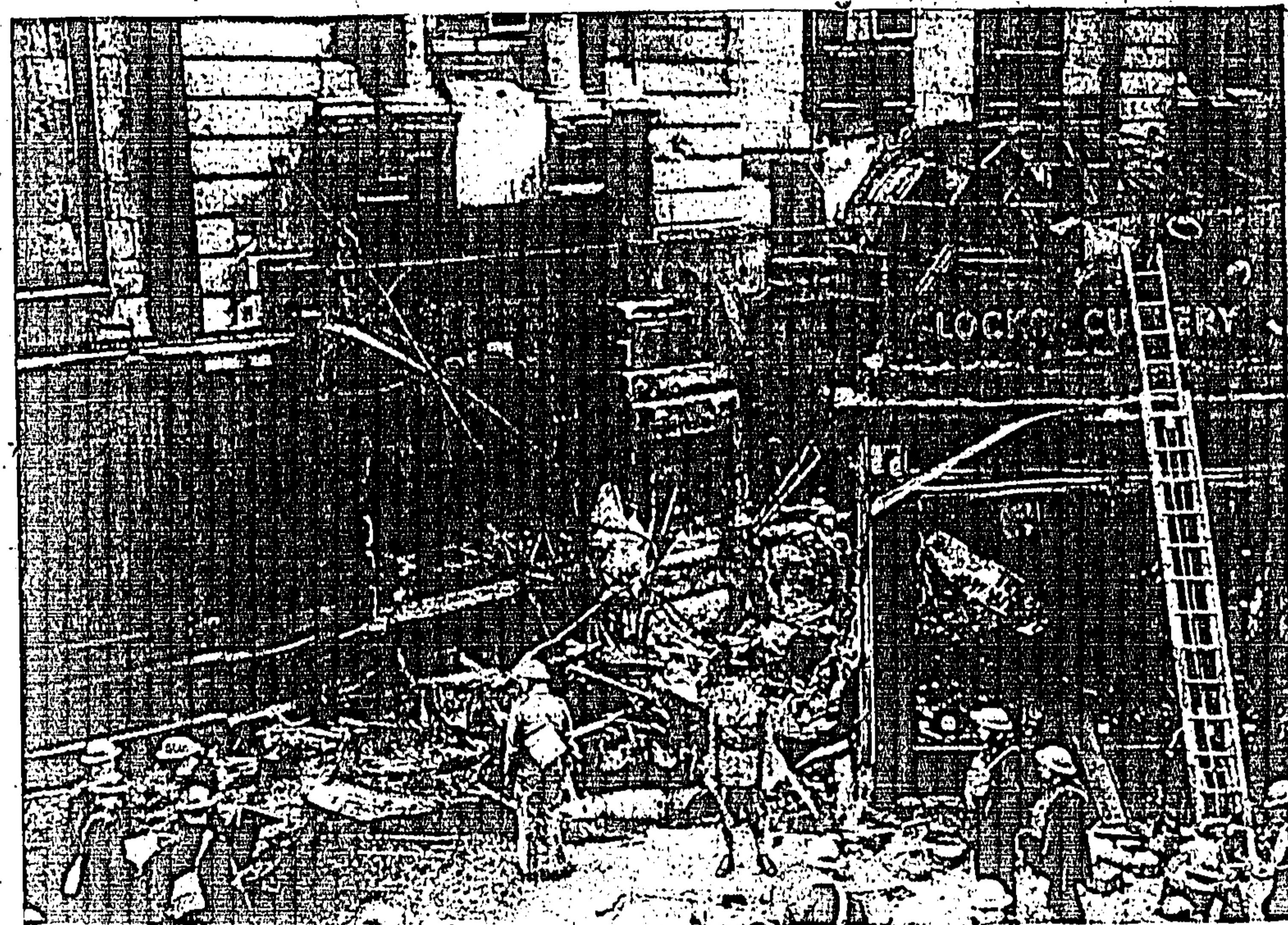


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During a recent raid on London, a German Dornier bomber was brought down in the heart of London. The fuselage and wings fell on a roof top near a station and the undercarriage fell outside the station. Photo shows all that was left of the German bomber. (Copyright, Fox.)

ITALY'S THREE-HOUR ULTIMATUM: GREEK APPEAL TO BRITAIN

GREEK AND ITALIAN forces are now engaged in a battle by land, sea and air, following the Italian attack at dawn yesterday. Greek determination to resist has been shown by many popular demonstrations, carried out even during air-raids, and by the Greek Government's statement that it has full confidence in Britain's response to an appeal for certain assistance.

The authorities have issued instructions to organise A.R.P. and food and water supplies and say that there are ample supplies of food. Hoarding is forbidden.

When the Italian Minister presented the ultimatum yesterday calling on the Greeks to allow the Fascists to occupy "certain strategic points," General Metaxas asked what these points were.

The Italian Minister had to reply: he did not know!

General Metaxas then said that the Italian note represented an ultimatum which the Greek Government took as a declaration of war.

The Italian Minister said that the Italian troops would start moving at 6 a.m.

In addition to receiving the British Minister, General Metaxas also saw the Ministers of Yugoslavia and Turkey and had a 15-minute telephone conversation with M. Inenu, President of Turkey.

The order for general mobilisation and the sending of an appeal to Britain were among the first steps taken. — Reuter.

ITALIAN NOTE

An admission that a Note was presented to the Greek Government in the early hours of yesterday morning was made on the official Italian radio during the afternoon.

No mention was made of any Italian demands on Greece but it was announced that the Note accused Greece of allowing Britain to use naval and air bases in Greek Islands and Macedonia, and warned the Greek Government of the "dangers of such a policy." — Reuter.

ITALY'S FORCE IN ALBANIA

The Italians have now in Albania ten or eleven divisions and some auxiliary troops, numbering 200,000 altogether, Reuter learns in authoritative quarters in London.

Foodstuffs and communications have been prepared in order to avoid reliance on sea communications, and it is known there has been considerable road construction near the frontier in readiness for an advance.

Biggest concentration of troops is at Argyrocastro, and the second largest at Koritza. It would therefore appear that the Italians are planning a double advance, first along a line parallel to the coast and to the west of Janina, with that town as the main objective, and the second from Koritza towards Salonika.

Main Defence Line

The Janina route offers few natural difficulties and is believed to be less strongly defended whereas an advance from Koritza would encounter mountain barriers and the Greek army's main defence line.

On the other hand it would

HITLER TO TRY AND WIN OVER LEOPOLD?

The belief in Berlin that Hitler may shortly meet King Leopold of the Belgians was reported by the Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm "Tidningen" yesterday. The message adds that neither confirmation nor denial can be obtained. — Reuter.

ITALIAN CAMP STRAFED

A successful attack on an enemy encampment in Abyssinia was announced in a communiqué issued in Nairobi last night.

The communiqué says that on Oct. 26 South African aircraft attacked a military encampment at Maji, Abyssinia, which was bombed and machine-gunned, and scored direct hits on buildings in the target area with heavy bombs, causing fires and large explosions.

Despite heavy A.A. and M.G. fire from the ground all our aircraft were unscathed.

Other units of the South African Air Force carried out extensive reconnaissances on Oct. 25 and 26 but there is nothing to report. — Reuter.

constitute a more formidable threat to Greece.

The Greek land army is a competent fighting force and is likely to give a good account of itself, but it suffers from a shortage of modern equipment while the Greek air force is weak in numbers. — Reuter.

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NEW WORLDS

To-day dictators are looking about for other worlds to conquer. But that is not because they have finished one job and are ready to go on with the next. They need new worlds. And they need to make them look as important as the one they are not conquering. They may hide from their own populations how disappointed they are with the way Britons are acting. But other peoples sense that the promised attack on British outlying possessions is only a second-best substitute, in the eyes of Axis engineers, for quick conquest of the British Isles.

This is not to say that the Axis cannot make a lot of trouble for the British Empire. But the very intensity of the German effort against Britain shows that Herr Hitler and his advisers know that their best hope of winning this war lies in direct rather than indirect action against British power. Their best hope, obviously, is not materialising.

This is the point that recent meetings and diplomacy have emphasised. Together with revelations of surprisingly slight damage to British war reserves, and of increasing aid to Britain from the United States, the facts give ground for comfort, though difficult days be ahead.

London does not imagine that its trial is over or even diminishing. Britain does not suppose that all menace of invasion this year has passed. But all the world can see that the boasts of Berlin were uttered too soon, and that the alternative to swallowing them is to direct action toward other objectives.

"FINE AS FIRE"

There's a man in London, so it seems, who isn't getting a proper night's rest. It's because of noise, of course. And he has complained to the authorities. One might think he would complain to "that there 'Itler'" or at least desist from adding to the déclaté dilemma that London authorities must face. For, one might suppose, there is only one way to lessen noise in London now, and that is by refraining from adding the din of anti-aircraft fire to the din of bombs.

But that isn't the problem at all. Who said anything about bombs and

In his last speech in the House of Commons the Prime Minister refused to embark on any discussion of the shape which might be given to Europe after the war or of any "new securities" which might be required. This caution was clearly right. Nothing could be more unreal than the elaboration at the present time of hypothetical political structures to fit situations which cannot be foreseen even in broadest outline. Nothing could be more unwise than to undertake commitments or to encourage hopes whose fulfilment might prove either wholly impracticable or incompatible with our larger purposes. In 1919 we suffered from a plethora both of political commitments and of political theories about the way in which a new order should be constructed. When arms are laid down at the end of the present war, it may well be prudent to devote our immediate energies to the practical needs of relief and reconstruction, and postpone any attempt to build a more permanent political framework until a clearer perspective has had time to emerge.

over the world of food reserves destined for the relief of Hitler's victims—among whom Mr. Churchill was careful to include the people of Germany and Austria—so soon as Nazi power is overthrown. But the problem of food supplies and nutrition is not limited to the immediate needs of post-war relief. No international task will be more urgent after the war than the planning of relations between food importing and food growing countries in such a way as to clear the channels of trade, to regulate its even flow, and to remove the arbitrary interference of national or individual self-interest. To make preparations now for this task, and to extend the survey to other aspects of European reconstruction—to pro-

blems of transport, of housing and public works, and of industrial reconstruction—would be a prudent anticipation of needs which can certainly be foreseen; whatever political shape a liberated Europe may assume. This is a more practical approach to the problem of war aims and of post-war international cooperation than the devising of political constitutions.

NOVEMBER ALLEY



Victory Of The Atlantic

The victory of the Atlantic has been the outstanding naval event of the year and yet it has never been officially announced. Few details about it are known outside the Admiralty, and the world at large is hardly aware of what has happened. Nevertheless, that victory has played a considerable part in shaping the events of the immediate past and moulding the immediate future.

It was brought about by the vigorous offensive of the Navy at the very start of the war against the German submarine campaign. Rapidly, though, the Admiralty plans for establishing convoys worked, they would not by themselves have defeated the U-boats. The German expectation was that some two million tons of shipping would be destroyed in the first month, and this appalling loss must in their estimation completely wreck any plans we had for the prosecution of the war. In the result, the U-boats were so harried and hunted by our anti-submarine flotillas that it took all their attention looking after their own safety, and they were unable to concentrate on the merchant ships.

The total damage they were able to inflict in this first month was no more than 184,241 tons, and in the course of those operations we know from a statement in Parliament that they lost at least six or seven vessels in three weeks. The actual total was probably higher. In the next four weeks the hunting went on. There was one day on which three U-boats were destroyed, and by the end of three months of war it was clear, guarded though the official statements were, that the total German loss was approaching forty boats. That meant that half the available craft had been removed, that between 1,500 and 2,000 trained officers and men were lost to Germany, and that we had shown beyond all question that the U-boat menace was not likely, in this war, to approach the dimensions it reached in 1917.

Our sea communications were to remain open, losses could be kept within the limit at which they could be replaced by strenuous

effort in the shipyards, and our world-wide sources of supply could not be cut off.

It was a victory as important to our future as any pitched battle ever fought between fleets on the surface, and nothing that has happened since has undermined its significance.

The Magnetic Mine

A second important naval victory about which rather more is known publicly was achieved with the nullifying of the effects of the magnetic mine. That goes to the credit of the scientists more than to the fighting fleet, but its importance in the war at sea is just as great as a defeat of the enemy fleet, since it ensured free movement for our warships as well as for our merchantmen.

A third naval development that may fairly be classed as a victory is the fleet's successful defiance of air power to interfere with its operations. Not only the one dramatic encounter between sea power and air power during the withdrawal from Dunkirk marks this victory; scores of incidents, mostly already forgotten by the general public, have piled up the evidence during the year that the fleet, though not untouchable, is unbreakable from the air.

It is necessary to emphasise these three aspects of the naval history of the past twelve months, for they have not the picturesque drama which imprints events on the public mind. The year, indeed, has given us a striking illustration of that "daily silent pressure" of which Mahan wrote. The excitement of the Battle of the Plate, of the destroyer attacks at Narvik, of the stopping of the Altmark make "history" in the popular sense, but it has been the little-known, the almost unrecorded events at sea, that have really affected the course of events.

Heavy Price

There has been a heavy price in men and in ships to pay for the sea security that has been achieved. Again there has not

been a week last week permitted himself one further glimpse into the future—the eloquent peroration in which he spoke of the growing community of interest between this country and the United States in the defence of freedom. But this common interest will end with victory in this war, at any rate in its present form. Our Diplomatic Correspondent has drawn attention to the way in which German propaganda is already trying to sow mischief by deliberately exaggerating the scope and prospects of military cooperation. More dangerous still is the small band of enthusiasts on both sides of the Atlantic which from time to time canvasses romantic schemes of world-wide political federation. Let us tell ourselves frankly that the United States have no intention of concerning themselves in the political future of any European country or of cooperating in any new political order outside the Western Hemisphere. Where we can count with confidence on the prospect of American collaboration and American generosity after the war is in the field of economic and social reconstruction; and this is yet another reason for thinking in the first instance in these terms.



The approach to the economic needs of Europe cannot be made in isolation from the needs of this country. The intensification of war effort and the increasingly complete mobilisation of our resources render all the more imperative a far-reaching programme of social reconstruction in Great Britain. A problem of enormous dimensions will confront us immediately on the cessation of hostilities. We cannot simply slip back into peace. A large part of the vast war machine will come to a standstill almost overnight, for the production of vast quantities of aeroplanes and munitions of all kinds will suddenly lose its meaning and purpose. The readaptation of the whole machinery of production from its war-time programme to the needs of peace is an operation which will not brook delay. But it is an operation which cannot be improvised on the spur of the moment. Chaos will be the penalty of failure to plan this change-over in advance; and this can only be done by an early review of the needs which will have the most urgent claim on our liberated resources of production. It is here that the needs of Europe require to be examined in conjunction with our own. The work of reconstruction is one; and it is for us to organise it. To-day the main responsibility for the defence of civilised Europe rests on Britain. To-morrow the initiative for the building up of a new Europe will rest on the same shoulders. Without slackening for a moment in our concentration on the present task we must also look forward to the future task if we are to undertake it with the same success.

back, except in one or two instances, the visible drama of hundreds of victims in one disaster. It has been among the fringes of the fleet that the price has been most heavily exacted—75 minesweepers and patrol vessels lost, 31 destroyers, 14 submarines are part of the toll among the smaller craft. A casualty-list of a dozen here, of fifty there, perhaps of a hundred, on occasion which would shock public feeling to the core in peace-time becomes, by some strange transmutation of values, but an item of news in war-time.

But at the end of a year of war we may surely pause for one moment to think upon not only the victories that have been achieved, the safety that has been ensured, but also upon those thousands who were in their deaths, as in their lives, the silent, unseen builders of both victory and security.



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POMPEY CINEMA SUFFERS DIRECT BOMB HIT

Portsmouth was raided late in one afternoon, but only about twenty machines were able to pierce an intensive A.A. barrage. Many others were driven back by British fighters.

Bombs were dropped in several parts of the city. A cinema was hit while a performance was in progress and the gallery collapsed. Some members of the audience were trapped in the building.

Another cinema narrowly escaped, the bomb dropping in a car park close by. A furniture factory was damaged and a number of houses in working class and residential districts were wrecked. There were a number of casualties, but they are believed to be relatively few in view of the number of bombs dropped.

At Ramsgate, waves of bombers and fighters were met by a terrific A.A. barrage as they crossed the coast. They scattered and dropped a large number of high explosive bombs and a few incendiaries in all parts of the town, causing damage to houses. Casualties were few in relation to the damage done.

Most of the damage was done in the third of a succession of raids that began at breakfast time and continued throughout the day. When one building was hit people sheltering in the basement escaped unhurt, although covered in dust.

An assembly hall was wrecked. A man who was cleaning it for a brotherhood meeting was rescued unhurt from the ruins by a warder.

Outside the building a placard still proclaimed: "Brother man, don't stay outside and hope for the best. Come inside and get it."

A few yards away a house received a direct hit which reduced it to a mass of rubble, but the occupier, Mr. N. Stroud, and his wife emerged unscathed.

One of those killed was a police constable who was sleeping after being on night duty. His home was wrecked.

Aged Couple Rescued

In a road where several small houses were damaged, a man of eighty-five and a woman of eighty-three were among those rescued. "I had not time to go to the nearest shelter," said the woman. "I was trying to reach the cellar when everything seemed to fall on top of me, but I stood close against a wall and escaped with a bump on my head. What worries me most is that I lost my top teeth."

In the town's shopping centre, the largest grocery store was ruined. An employee of a firm of house furnishers was killed while crossing the road to shelter.

Several public houses in different parts of the town were demolished. At one, where all the windows were broken, the landlord carried beer in buckets to rescue workers as soon as the raid was over.

Two people, one a van driver, were killed outside a temperance hotel and several people running to a shelter were blown down the steps when a bomb exploded.

The Mayor, Town Clerk, and members of the municipal staff took shelter in the basement of the council offices and were shaken by bombs which fell a few feet in front of the building.

One bomb struck the gasworks, causing a fire. This was speedily extinguished, however, by the fire brigade, the A.F.S., and brigades from neighbouring towns.

Two men employed in the mains department were killed by a bomb which exploded three feet from them as they were running for shelter.

In another part of the town a boy had a foot blown off and was pinned beneath the wreckage of a house. In another street a civilian had a leg blown off.

A woman, who had sheltered in a cupboard under her staircase emerged after the raid to find that her kitchen had vanished.

A reporter who was watching the raid, heard the shriek of a bomb and ran into a building. As he reached the head of the stairs there was a terrific explosion, and he was blown from top to bottom without touching the stairs. He later found that the roof had been blown off his terrapin.

GERMANS CENTURIES TOO LATE

An ingenious theory has been put forward to explain why German raiders frequently drop bombs on isolated and desolate districts.

A number of bombs have fallen near spots which are marked with the word "camp" on ordnance maps, and it is suggested that these markings refer to present day military camps. Actually they refer to old British fortresses — mainly earth works dating back to 1000 B.C.

LAVAL IN CONTROL OF FOREIGN POLICY

FROM VICHY COMES NEWS THAT M. BAUDOUIN HAS RESIGNED FROM THE POST OF FOREIGN MINISTER, AND HE IS NOW TO BE MINISTER OF STATE ATTACHED TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL.

The post of Foreign Minister is being taken over by M. Laval, the Vice-Premier, who is also to control radio services.

M. Laval has now left for Paris for further discussions with the Germans, and will be joined there by General Huntzinger, Vichy Minister of War.

Yesterday morning, following meetings of the Cabinet and the Council of Ministers, a decree was issued forbidding Frenchmen to listen to British broadcasts in public places.

The Governor of Tunisia was informed that no change in the status of his Colony is contemplated. Amongst other things, Tunisia has the important Mediterranean naval base of Bizerta. — Reuter.

GERMAN AIR LOSS

It was stated authoritatively in London yesterday that German losses in aircraft over Britain during the week ending midnight on Oct. 26, totalled 39, of which at least eight were shot down at night.

British losses were 18 aircraft and nine pilots. — Reuter.

LIMITED AIR RAIDS ON BRITAIN

Enemy air activity over Britain yesterday has been on a very limited scale, a few bombs being dropped at scattered points in East Anglia and south-east England.

Casualties appear to be very few, states an Air Ministry communiqué, and very little damage has been done. — Reuter.

CHURCH MAGNETS FOR NAZI BOMBS

The Bishop of London stated at the Diocesan Conference yesterday that 32 London churches had been destroyed or rendered unusable by air raids, 47 seriously damaged and very many more less seriously damaged. — Reuter.

FIVE NAZI AIRMEN RESCUED

Five German airmen came ashore in a rubber boat on Sunday night between two East Anglia coast villages. — Reuter.

car, which was full of stones and shrapnel. While the debris was being cleared away, and search was being made for casualties another raid alarm occurred and more bombs were dropped in a neighbouring district. The work of rescue continued without interruption.

JAPANESE PAY UP INDEMNITY

JAPANESE AUTHORITIES HAVE PAID A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY US\$1,080 AS INDEMNITY TO THE FAMILIES OF THE 18 ANNAMITES WHO WERE KILLED WHEN NIPPON WARPLANES BOMBED HAIPHONG DURING THE JAPANESE LANDING OPERATIONS THERE ON SEPTEMBER 26.

The Japanese payment, at the rate of approximately US\$71 per life, followed a vigorous French protest to Tokyo.

Meanwhile members of a Japanese economic mission reached Hanoi. They will commence talks with French colonial officials later. Informed quarters expect that the conversations will cover a wide range of financial and trade questions.

INDO-CHINA PURGE

VICE-ADMIRAL DE COUX, GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDO-CHINA, HAS DECIDED TO PURGE ALL ANTI-PETAIN ELEMENTS ACCORDING TO EVERY AVAILABLE INDICATION, STATES A SEMI-OFFICIAL JAPANESE REPORT FROM HANOI.

Vice-Admiral De Coux is believed to be eliminating Jewish and Anglo-American influences.

Anti-Petain elements, which had considerable influence when France capitulated to Germany, are estimated to comprise only 30 per cent of the French colony, in addition to some sections of the Army which are opposed to Vice-Admiral De Coux. — Reuter.

PRICE OF GOLD SLUMPS IN PEIPING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A drop of \$20 an ounce was registered in the price of gold on the local market yesterday, according to an announcement made by the Peiping Gold Dealers' Guild. The selling rate in the afternoon was \$420 an ounce, and the buying rate \$413. — Havas.

JAPANESE SET AT LIBERTY

It was learned this morning that Mr. G. Yamaguchi, of No. 25, Kennedy Road, who was interned by the Hong Kong Government on August 3, was released and allowed to return to his home at 6 p.m. yesterday.

PEDDER STREET SHOP LITIGATION

BEFORE MR. E. H. Williams, this morning, Lucy Tong, trading as Tong's China Delight store, No. 61, Des Voeux Road Central, sued Mr. K. Weiss, manufacturers' representative, for the sum of \$800 being balance of purchase of fixtures and fittings and rent for No. 8, Pedder Street.

Mr. M. A. da Silva was for the plaintiff while the defendant was represented by Mr. D. MacCullum.

Mr. Silva said that his client rented No. 8, Pedder Street from Chinese Estates at a monthly tenancy of \$800. She spent nearly \$2,000 in decorating and fixing up the premises.

At the end of July, 1939, when business was rather bad and his client found that she was losing money Mr. Weiss came along and tried to persuade her manager to sublet the premises to his firm, Messrs Rolny.

Arrangements were made with the plaintiff's manager in August whereby defendant was to pay \$800 for the fixtures and fittings and plaintiff was to transfer the tenancy to him. At that time, she had a deposit with the landlord. When consulted, Chinese Estates said that if the tenancy was transferred to Mr. Weiss they would require three months' deposit instead of two but if the tenancy was still in the name of plaintiff, he would only require two months' deposit.

It was agreed that defendant would sublet to plaintiff, part of the shop for \$50.

New Arrangement

Mr. Weiss was short of cash and a new arrangement was come to whereby the tenancy was to remain in plaintiff's name, defendant was to pay the two months' deposit, and when Weiss was able he would pay the third and the tenancy would be transferred.

He paid \$1,400 on account and gave a series of post-dated cheques for the balance, the last cheque falling due at the end of September.

The cheques, when presented, were dishonoured and plaintiff, finding that he could not pay, gave defendant notice to quit at the end of October.

The defence was that plaintiff had failed to arrange the tenancy and that certain fittings had been removed by plaintiff.

The case is continuing.

THREE-YEAR PLANS FOR SZECHUEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE SZECHUEN PRODUCTION COMMITTEE HAS DRAFTED A THREE-YEAR ECONOMIC PLAN OBJECT OF WHICH IS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROVINCE'S FOREIGN TRADE AND TO SPEED UP THE PRODUCTION OF ARMS AND MUNITIONS, AS WELL AS CATERING TO THE NEEDS OF THE POPULATION.

The plan is divided into four sections.

First, hydraulic electric power.

Second, agriculture and forestry.

Third, industry and mines, and

fourth, communications.

The Committee estimates that

completion of the plan would cost

approximately a milliard dollars.

Well-informed circle stated in

Chungking yesterday that the plan

will be enforced in January after

General Chiang Kai-shek has

granted approval. — Havas.

TWELVE DAYS FOR HANOI LETTER

An indication of the difficulties air mail services are having to surmount in these days of wars and "Incidents" is provided by a letter received this morning.

Posted in Hanoi on October 17, it arrived to-day — a total of 12 days for an air-trip which usually takes three hours! It used to take 8-10 days for a letter from Hong Kong to London.

Imposed But Not Accepted

Fascist reformation of France has merely been outlined, without any "consenting echo" from the people of France, who cling hopefully to British resistance and admire the rebel General de Gaulle.

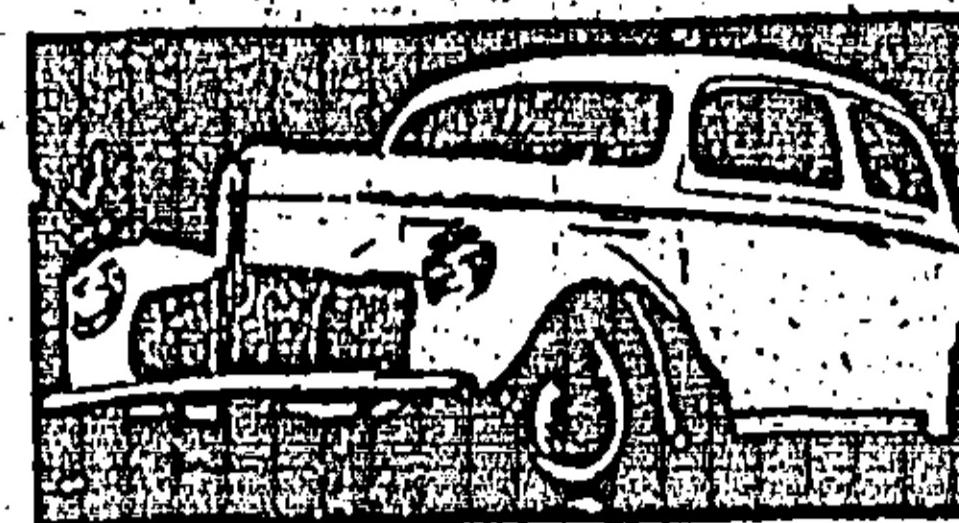
This statement by the "Popolo d'Italia," the Rome newspaper, was quoted in a cable from the New York "Herald-Tribune" correspondent in the Italian capital yesterday.

The correspondent adds that General de Gaulle has achieved considerable popularity and that the desire of Frenchmen for revenge and hatred for Italy makes her long for the failure of the Italian campaign.—Reuter.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

**NOTICE****Rescue and Demolition Parties.**

On account of the "Blackout" exercise there will not be a lecture in Kowloon on Wednesday evening this week.

R. S. W. PATERSON,
Deputy Controlling Authority
Public Works Department,
Hong Kong, 29th October, 1940.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE TENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 2nd November, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building (Tel: 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel: 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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Hong Kong, 28th October, 1940.**PUBLIC AUCTION**

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BRIDGE NOTES

By The Four Aces**Block That Suit!**

Correct interpretation of the opening lead helped South make his contract in the hand below:

North, Dealer
East-West vulnerable

♦ 7 3	♥ A K J 10 4	◆ A 6 3	♠ 8 6 2
♦ Q 6 2	♥ 7 5 2	◆ J 9 5 2	♥ Q 6 3
♦ Q 7 5	♦ 8 7 4	♣ Q 7 5	♦ Q 8
♦ K J 5	♦ 9 8	♦ K 10 7 4	♦ K 10 8

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♥	1♦	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the deuce of spades, and East won with the Ace and returned the spade ten.

South was tempted to finesse the Jack, but thought it over first.

West's lead was either a singleton, fourth-best, or third-best from the Queen.

It was not likely to be a singleton, since East might

have rebid the seven-card suit; or perhaps West might have found a more promising lead.

It was not likely to be fourth-best, since East was too careful a player to make a vulnerable overall on a four-card suit.

South therefore inferred the actual situation and properly put up the spade King instead of finessing the Jack.

South next finessed the hearts, and East took his Queen but found that his partner's spade Queen blocked the suit.

A spade lead was taken by West, but now he had no way of returning to his partner's hand.

He made an attempt by leading a diamond, but South won and ran the hearts.

A finesse of the club nine then went to West's Queen, and a later finesse of the club Jack gave South his ninth trick.

South would have lost his contract, of course, if he had finessed the Jack of spades at the second trick.

West would have taken the trick with the spade Queen and returned the suit, forcing out South's only stopper.

Sooner or later, East would get in with the heart Queen to run the spades and defeat the contract.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner, and with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♦ Q J 8 6 5 3	♥ 9	♦ K 5 3	♦ K 4 2
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The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	Yea	Males
1♥	Dbl.	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid one spade. This bid shows a weak or only moderately strong hand with a playable spade suit but no support for hearts. There is no point in passing, since the opponents will not bid spades and you are unprepared to double any other bid; and

your next chance to bid may come at a dangerous level.

Score 100% for one spade, 0 for pass.

Question No. 550

To-day you are Merwin Males's partner and with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♦ Q J 10 7 5

♥ 9 6

♦ K 5 3

♦ 8 4 2

The bidding:

Males	Jacoby	Yea	Schenken
1♥	Dbl.	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

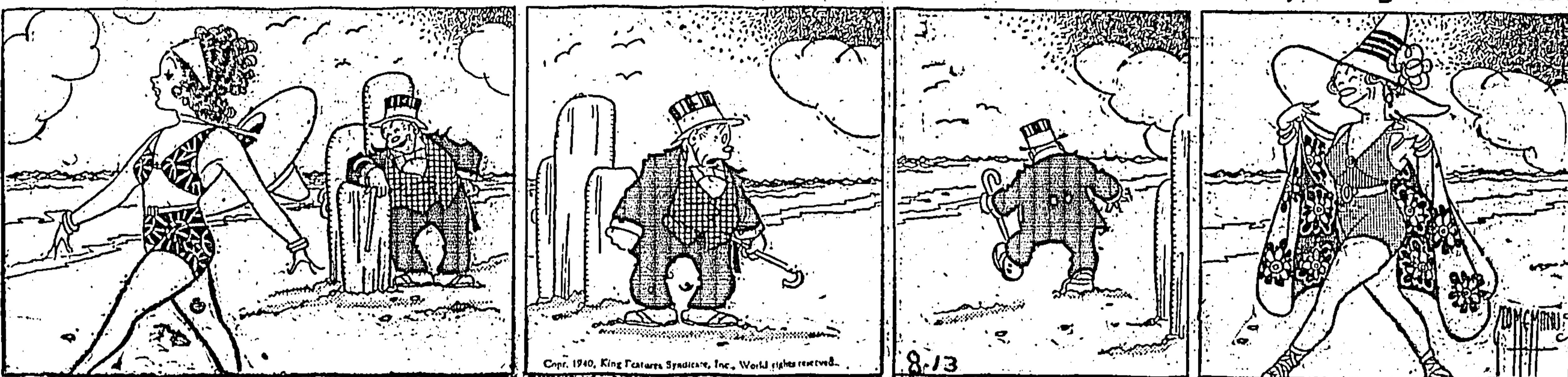
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OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.

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Bringing Up Father

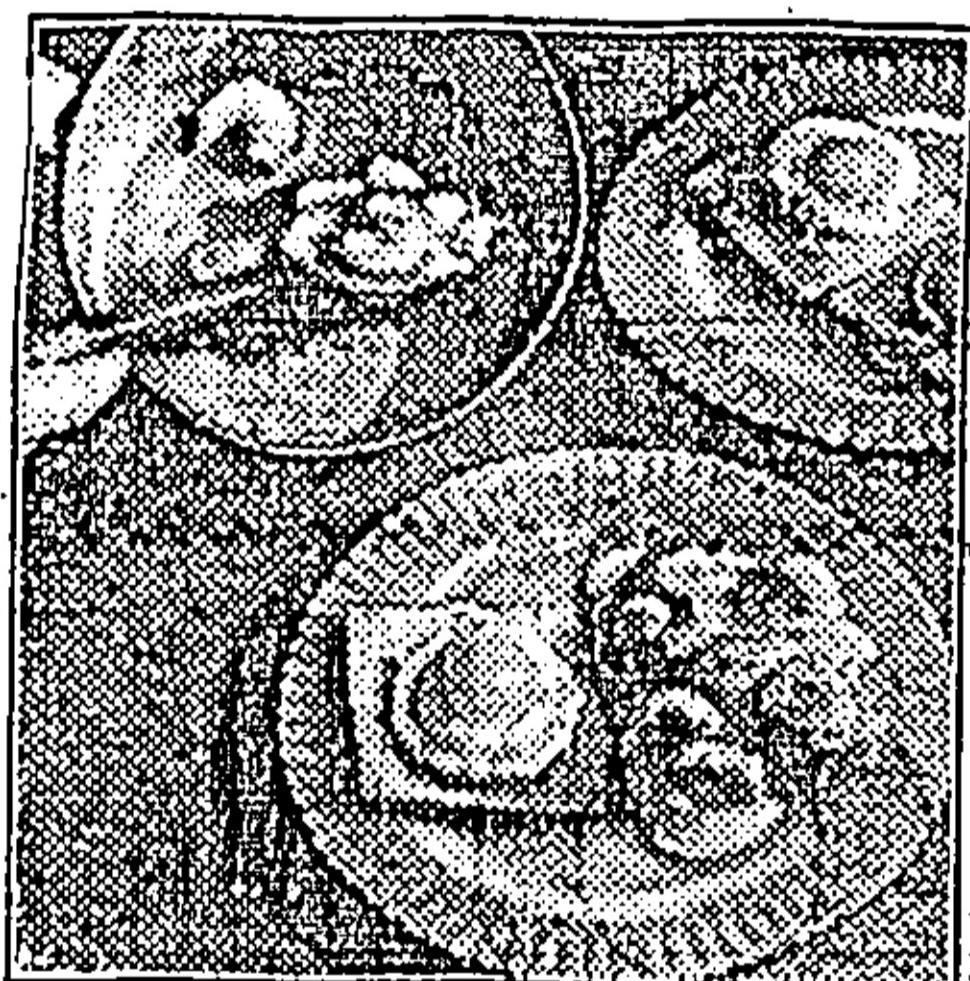


A PAGE FOR WOMEN Does She Get Enough Sunshine?

Modern mothers are instructed by leading pediatricians that children should get sun very early in life. Gone are the old-fashioned swaddling clothes which kept air and sun from a baby's body.

An unusual SHRIMP-CELERY SAUCE for poached eggs or waffles

by Dorothy Greig



If there's one thing that makes me purr it is to turn a prosaic everyday food such as cold roast beef, eggs or carrots, into a dish that's really interesting. One of my pet ways of doing it is by means of sauces. Not complicated sauces. But easy ones that are fixed mostly from condensed soups, already in themselves beautifully seasoned.

Here, for instance, is one such sauce that transforms simple poached eggs into a luncheon or supper dish you would be proud to set before anyone. It is delicious poured thickly over waffles, too. Or even over plain toast. Keep this in mind for those times when you must rustle up a meal or stretch out a meal for unexpected guests, and "my dear, there was simply nothing in the house to eat." Well, the guests will never suspect it.

Shrimp and Celery-Sauce, over Poached Eggs

1 tablespoon butter
1 cup shrimps
1 can condensed celery soup
1/4 cup milk or cream

Melt the butter and sauté the shrimps. Then add the celery soup with milk or cream, and heat. A little chopped parsley may be added just before serving.



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Olive oil is a good conditioner for new babies, but as the child grows older into his second year, you will discover that one of the prepared sun creams or oils serve more efficaciously. But select one carefully for some of the commercial sunburn preventatives are too strong for young skins.

After Tanning

A child should never be allowed to play in the sun for long in skimpy play suit with skin exposed, without having had his skin adequately lubricated even after he has tanned. You don't want your child to grow up with a tough, discoloured skin, so prevent that. Keep it well anointed throughout the sunny days and as soon as he is old enough to learn, teach him to apply the protective before he runs out to play.

If a Child Burns

If your child burns from the least bit of sun, or if he has stayed out under it too long, do not use water to wash him. Sponge him with milk, for milk creates a lactic acid that softens and smoothes when it touches the skin. A butter milk bath cannot be beaten for it not only allays irritation, but it soothes and whitens the skin. Use it to wash your tiny tots whenever wind or sun has made their skin tender to the touch.

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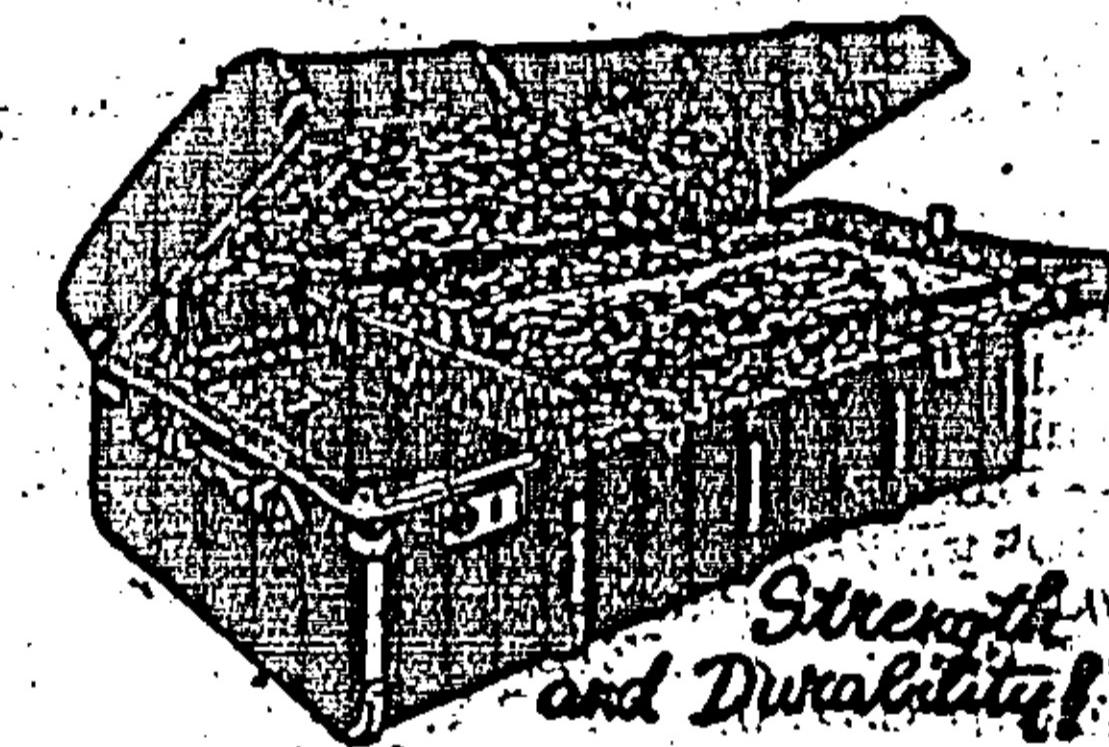
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12.30 p.m.—Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Compositions of Masonnet.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Variety Programme.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.02 p.m.—Dance Music.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Topical Talks.

7.30 p.m.—A Band Concert with John Goss (Baritone) and The Cathedral Male Voice Quartet.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

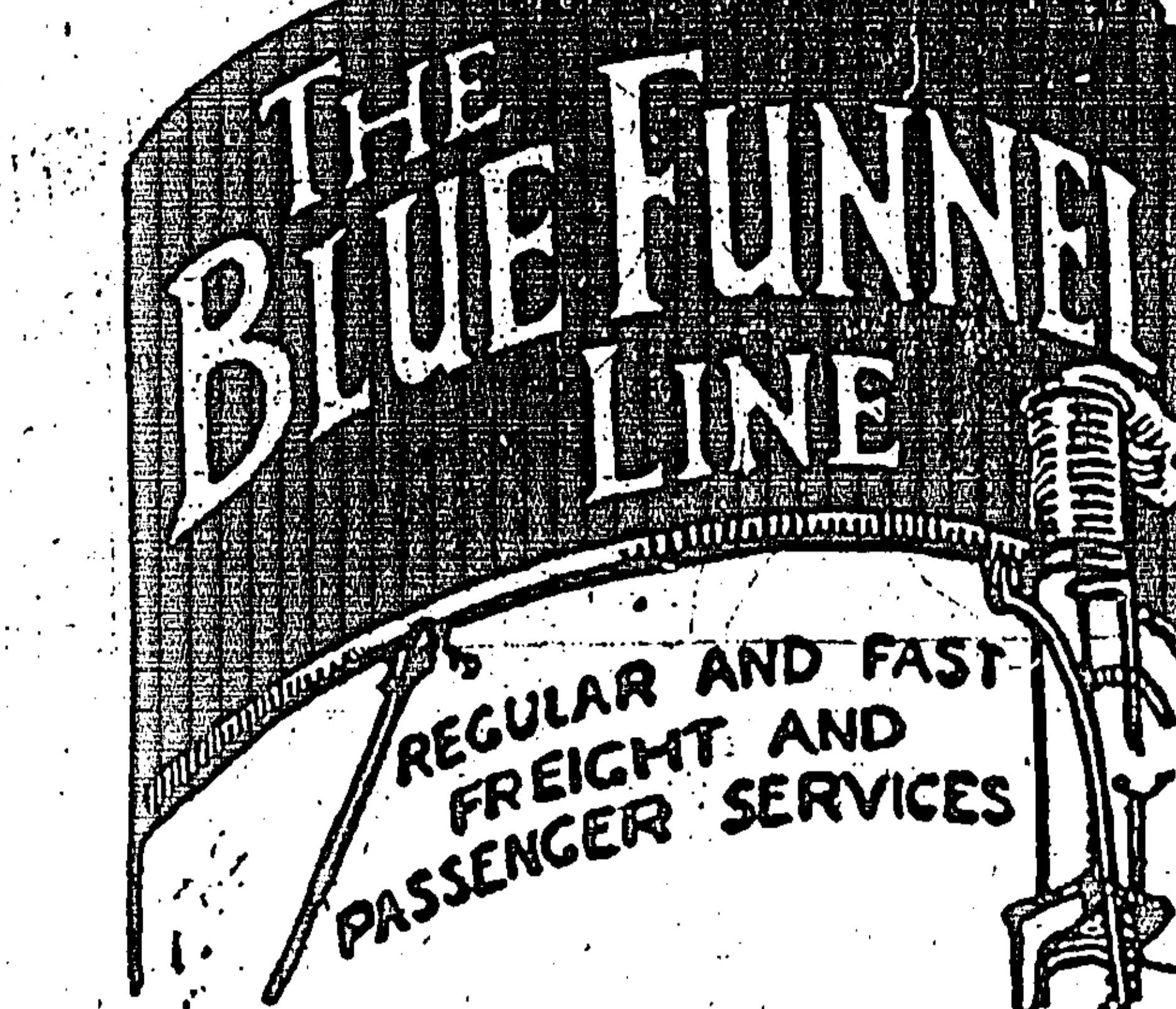
8.03 p.m.—London Relay—"Cock-A-Doodle-Doo!" Charles B. Cochran's Saturday Show, including John McCormack, Cleely Courtneidge, Vic Oliver, Fred Emney, Marquess of Donegall, and Charles B. Cochran.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentaries.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "Scots Abroad".

9.42 p.m.—Humorous and Variety Programme, with Arthur Askey & Richard Murdoch, Tommy Handley & Jean Allstone, Al Bollington, Issy Bonn, Ivy St. Heller, Clapham & Dwyer, Jack Buchanan & Eddie Randolph, Big Bill Campbell & His Hilly-Billy Band, Jack Warner & Sonny with Orchestra, and Bing Crosby with Dick McIntire & His Harmony Hawaiians.

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A trial growth of cotton has just been completed with great success in the grounds of Omlya detached palace by the Empress Dowager, the "Japan Times" stated yesterday. The Empress Dowager's harvest was made with the aim of driving home to Japanese the importance of cotton growing, as the present condition of Japan's trade makes it impossible for her to obtain more cotton from abroad. Havas.

EARLY MORNING BURGLARY

Mr. A. Tate, of No. 85, Waterloo Road, has reported to the police that between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. yesterday clothing and money, to the total value of \$107, were stolen from his residence.

THEFTS IN CITY BUILDINGS

Three Chinese were charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, with stealing fixtures and with receiving stolen property.

It was alleged that Luk Wing, 26, Tsui Choi, 24 and Ng Tai, 20, stole fuse boxes from Alexandra Building, York Building, No. 34, Ewo Street, and No. 1, Wing Ning Street.

First defendant admitted theft, while second and third defendant denied the charges.

Hearing was fixed for November 6, at 2.30 p.m. Bail of \$150 each was allowed.



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CZECHS IN SHANGHAI CELEBRATE

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Further observances took place in the afternoon and evening. A group of Czech Boy Scouts, dressed in their country's national costume, were present at the ceremony which began with a short speech by M. Jaroslav Stepan, honorary secretary of the Czechoslovak Club, who stressed the necessity for Czechs to remain united.

The Club later issued a message recalling the history of their country and the atrocities committed by the Nazis and expressing their hope of a quick Allied victory. Havas.

U.S. ALIENS TO REGISTER

There is no financial expense to the individual in connection with registering as an alien, but all must be registered before December 26, including those who have filed for naturalisation, the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born declared in a reminder to non-citizens.

In response to questions, the Committee emphasised that rules laid down by the Division of Alien Registration of the Department of Justice requires that non-citizens of more than 14 years must be fingerprinted, and that Filipinos who are not citizens and who are residents of the United States must register. A non-citizen may register in any post office.

PICKPOCKET AT SOCCER MATCH

Ng Chuen, 22, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, with stealing a wallet from Mr. S. D'Asis, of Gloucester Arcade, at Caroline Hill football ground on Sunday.

Det. Sergeant V. M. Morrison said defendant took the wallet from an inside pocket, but was caught red-handed.

Defendant, placed under police supervision, had not reported to the Police since his release some time ago.

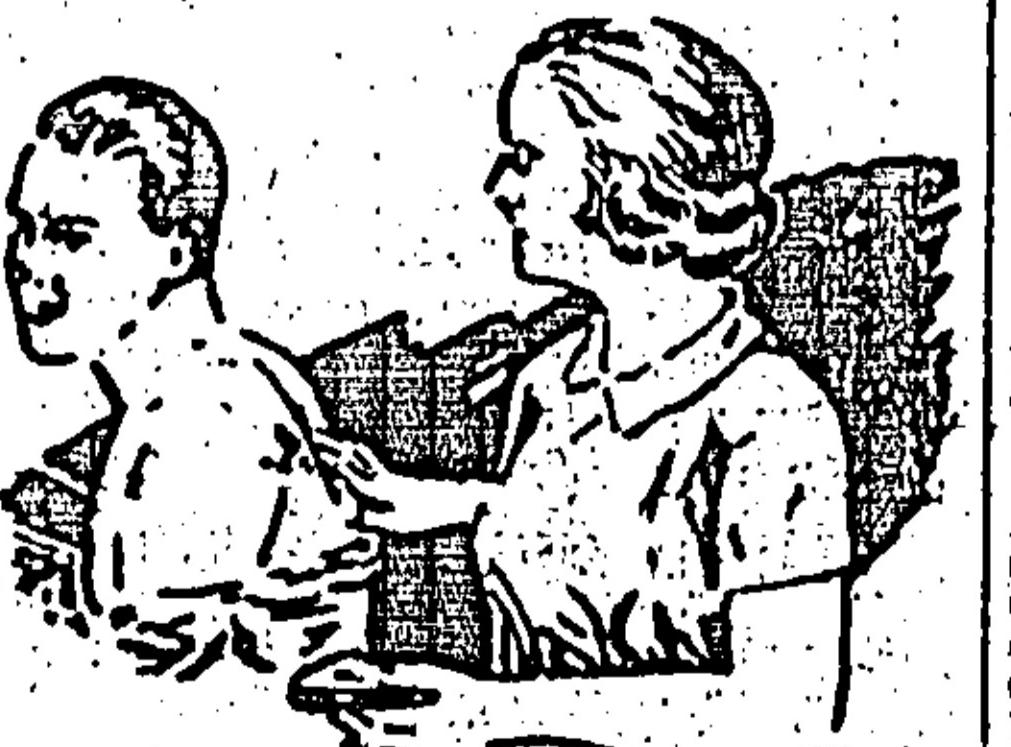
Defendant was sentenced to nine months' hard labour and placed under Police supervision for another two years.

\$250 REWARD

A reward of \$250 has been offered by the Police for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who killed with a chopper an inmate of the Government Squatters' Camp at Jardine's Lookout in Taihang last Tuesday night.

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Miss B. L. Brower, of No. 4, St. John's Apartment, Garden Road, has reported the theft of a leopard-skin coat, valued at \$200.



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DE GAULLE DEFENCE COUNCIL

The names of the members of the Council of Defence of the French Empire, appointed by General de Gaulle, were announced in London yesterday as follows:

General Catroux, former Governor-General of Indo-China; Vice-Admiral Muselier, Commander-in-Chief of the Free French Navy and Air Force; General de Larinat, Governor-General of Senegal, Equatorial Africa;

The Governor-General of Chad Territory;

General Utot, Governor-General of French establishments in the Pacific;

General Sice, Army Medical Corps in Africa;

Professor Rene Cassin, former President of the Ex-Servicemen's Association;

The Rev. Father Theirry Argentieau; and

Colonel Leclare, Commissioner of the French Cameroons.—Reuter.

EVACUATION OF NANNING

Lt.-Gen. Usiroku, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Expeditionary Force in South China, announces that the Japanese forces are evacuating Nanning, Kwangsi, occupied on Nov. 24, 1939, "on their own initiative," as further occupation of the city was meaningless following the entry of Japanese troops into Indo-China, states a semi-official Japanese report from Canton quoted by Reuter.

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Review Of Swimming Season Reveals Progress Among Ladies

Misses Ho Wai-King And J. Anderson Outstanding

Ng Nin The Outstanding All-Rounder

By "Natator"

THE MANILA INTERPORT, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN A PERFECT CONCLUSION TO A MOST SUCCESSFUL SWIMMING SEASON BEING NOW DEFINITELY ABANDONED, SWIMMING ACTIVITY HAS COME TO AN ABRUPT END.

It cannot be denied that the season just concluded has been a most successful one, a point which is borne out by the excellent results obtained at the Colony Championships.

A review of the season reveals some amazing progress, especially among the ladies, a large number of whom have jumped almost direct from the novice class to championship standard. Miss Ho Wai-king of Chinese Bathing Club and Miss Jacqueline Anderson of V.R.C. are undoubtedly the most improved swimmers of the season, both reaching Interport standard, with only one season's training behind them!

Miss Ho Wai-king, for the first time in her swimming career, received coaching at C.B.C. early this year, her time for the 50 yards being then in the neighbourhood of 40 seconds. By dint of hard work she has climbed the ladder of success, rung by rung, her crowning achievement being the bettering of Miss Yeung Sau-king's National record of 1 min. 23 seconds for the 100 metres. Miss Ho swam the same distance in 1 min. 22-4/5 secs. at the recent Chinese Championships.

Rare Consistency

Miss Anderson has progressed on much the same lines, and her

repeatedly good performances in the Colony Championships have almost been unbelievable.

Miss Ko Miu-ling of Lai Tsun, the best Chinese lady sprinter, progressed fairly well during the course of the season, but is unfortunately not gifted with a strong physique, for which reason she has limited herself to the 50 metres event, over which distance she is at her best, having twice equalled the National record of 36 seconds.

Miss Ho Wai-man, of South China, who was placed in the 100 yards breast-stroke event in the Colony Championships, also de-

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LAI TSUN UNION CHAMPIONSHIPS

Following is the programme for the Lai Tsun championships this week:

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| THURSDAY | 1. 120 yards Medley relay. Open to the Colony. | 12. 100 yards breast-stroke. Junior members of Lai Tsun. |
| 2. | 50 yards back-stroke. Junior members of Lai Tsun. | 13. 100 metres back-stroke. Championship for Men. |
| 3. | 50 metres free-style. Championship event for Men. | 14. Long Plunge. Championship Event. |
| 4. | 100 yards breast-stroke. Championship for Men. | 15. 220 yards free-style Handicap. Members of Lai Tsun. |
| 5. | 50 metres free-style. Championship for Ladies. | 16. 120 yards medley relay. Members of Lai Tsun. |
| 6. | 400 metres free-style. Championship for Men. | 17. 160 yards free-style relay. Teams of four. Open to the Colony. |
| 7. | 50 yards free-style handicap. Members of Lai Tsun. | 18. 100 metres back-stroke. Championship for Ladies. |
| 8. | 160 yards four styles relay. (Back, Breast, Side and Crawl strokes). Open to the Colony. | 19. 200 metres breast-stroke. Championship for Men. |
| 9. | 100 yards breast-stroke. Championship for Ladies. | 20. 50 yards free-style. Junior members of Lai Tsun. |
| 10. | 100 metres free-style. Championship for Men. | 21. 1,500 metres free-style. Championship event. |
| 11. | | 22. 100 yards breast-stroke Handicap. Members of Lai Tsun. |

FRIDAY

1. 160 yards four styles relay. (Back, Breast, Side and Crawl strokes). Open to the Colony.

2. 100 yards breast-stroke. Championship for Ladies.

3. 100 metres free-style. Championship for Men.

12. 100 yards breast-stroke. Junior members of Lai Tsun.

13. 100 metres back-stroke. Championship for Men.

14. Long Plunge. Championship Event.

15. 220 yards free-style Handicap. Members of Lai Tsun.

16. 120 yards medley relay. Members of Lai Tsun.

SATURDAY

17. 160 yards free-style relay. Teams of four. Open to the Colony.

18. 100 metres back-stroke. Championship for Ladies.

19. 200 metres breast-stroke. Championship for Men.

20. 50 yards free-style. Junior members of Lai Tsun.

21. 1,500 metres free-style. Championship event.

22. 100 yards breast-stroke Handicap. Members of Lai Tsun.

The prizes will be distributed at the conclusion of the sports by Mr. Yuen Ying-fai.

Time of starting on each day will be 8 p.m.

serves mention for her sudden rise to prominence, in view of the fact that she only learned to swim at the beginning of the season. She has since concentrated on the breast-stroke, and recently won the Chinese Harbour Race, which is over a mile. Her rise to success has perhaps been due to the unending competition put up by her team-mate Ngan Suet-yeo, whom she has always just managed to beat at all their club galas. Miss Lee Po-luen, whom everybody knows as the breast-stroke champion, is still the best in that class, but will be having serious opposition with the butterfly-stroke. She is known to be practising this stroke occasionally, and perhaps next season will see her adopt it.

Miss Au Disappoints

Miss Au Mei-chuen, of whom great things were expected, has been a great disappointment, in that she has not improved a bit. Miss Lily Sadick and Miss Ip Chui-man have also had an unprofitable season, and although the former is the undisputed back-stroke champion, her overall times during the season have not shown improvement. Another swimmer who was just making the grade at the close of the season was Miss Woo Man-ying, who only commenced competing in breast-stroke events last month, being seen for the first time in the Eastern Athletic Association's Annual Championships.

Her progress will be interesting to watch next season, especially as she is having tuition from Kwok Chan-hang, one time Colony champion and record holder.

Miss Celeste Guterres also aroused the interest of the swimming public when she won the 440 yards free-style. She later added the Harbour title in record time.

Among the men, perhaps David Hutchinson has shown most improvement, in his first season of competition, last year, competent critics forecasted his rise to championship standard, basing their judgment on his natural ability; they have not been disappointed, for he won the 100 yards free-style championship in record time.

Ng In Class Of Owns

For the best all-round performance, Ng Nin stands alone, and was selected as first string for the Interport Individual medley event. His success is chiefly due to his foresight in being one of the first to master the butterfly-stroke, which has during the year attained official sanction and is gaining in popularity daily.

In any swimming review it is impossible to omit Char Chun-nam, long-distance swimming marvel, who is easily the most popular swimmer. Besides having lowered all the National distance records he captured all the long-distance titles this year, in three of which he set records. His major achievement was his record-breaking

Harbour swim. Charles Huang has also been in the limelight for his persistent struggles with Chan in the Championships. Huang has been the only swimmer ever to have given Chan a fight in the course of the season, this happening when he extended Chan to the utmost in the Colony Championship free-style.

Back-stroker A. K. Rumjahn improved very slightly, but then records are only broken by a fraction of a second. He, however, achieved his ambition of negotiating 100 yards in 70 secs. at the Colony Championships, when he enjoyed a hollow victory due to no competition.

Chan Disappoints

Enrique Chan's non-entry in most of the year's swimming contests was a disappointment to orthodox breast-stroke supporters, who have, and still consider him, one of the best. Fong Chung-U, of Lai Tsun, on the other hand, figured prominently during the season, when he competed against almost all the clubs in the Colony with a fair amount of success.

During the season the Medley relay, hitherto only appearing in swimming programmes occasionally, was included in every contest, and has been acknowledged as the most keenly contested event in all the inter-club contests held during the season.

Mainly on account of this popularity, it has now been officially recognised as a Championship event.

The Lai Tsun team started the season in a blaze of glory, but were soon overshadowed by the undefeated V.R.C. trio of Rumjahn, Hutchinson and Taylor. As a whole, however, the Chinese have the stronger free-style relay team. The Chung Shing team of Ng Nin, Shek Kam-pui, Tommy Kew and Lee Fook-ke, which just beat the V.R.C. team in the Championships, is the strongest possible Chinese combination, and it is a team that will be hard to beat.



MISS LEE PO-LUEN

R.A.S.C. BEATEN

In the second round of the Small Units knock-out football competition yesterday, R.A.S.C. lost to "C" Coy., Royal Scots, by 3 goals to 2. Hossack (2) and one of the R.A.S.C. scored for Royals and Morgan and Sidler for the Corps who led 2-0.

C.A.A.F. TO HOLD GALA

(By "Natator")

At this late hour, news has come to hand of the last-minute decision of the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation to hold their Annual Championships, which have been delayed for some time.

Swimmers from South China, Chinese Bathing Club and Chinese Y.M.C.A. will not be participating. The Chung Shing Benevolent Society and the Eastern Athletic Association swimmers only are expected to take part, the other major clubs, including the three mentioned above, having withdrawn their support of the Federation some time ago.

Cause of this sudden decision is not yet known, and Chinese swimmers, even those who were supposed to be in the know, are greatly surprised. The contest is not expected to be as successful as the recent Chinese Championships, but some good times should be returned, mainly by Ng Nin.

It is doubtful, however, whether it is a wise step to organise the contest at this stage of the season when sea conditions are unfavourable, and most of the swimmers have given up swimming in favour of some winter sport.

A.S.C. "A" WIN

Army Service Corps "A" beat Service Corps "B" by 22 shots to 19 in the "China Mail" Charity Cup bowls competition at Kowloon Bowling Green Club yesterday.

"B" scored at only eight heads and had a five at the eighth head and another at the 17th to lead 19-16, but "A" scored 3 1 1 1 to win by 22-19.

A.S.C. "A" F. Cullen F. Flippance W. Hyde H. V. Pearse J. G. Meyer E. Tuck E. Kern C. S. Rossetti 22 (Skip) 19

MILLWALL MANAGER SUSPENDED

Following an enquiry by a joint Commission of the F. A. and Football League appointed as a result of alleged irregularities reported by the directors of Millwall, Mr. Charles Hewitt, manager, has been suspended for six months.

Mr. J. W. G. Conquest, formerly assistant secretary, was severely censured.

Charles Hewitt says: "I have been in consultation with my solicitors. There is an action at law pending. I am confident that my honour and my integrity will be completely vindicated."

TO-DAY'S HOCKEY

Hong Kong Hockey Club will meet Khalson Hockey Club at King's Park this afternoon in a friendly hockey match commencing at 5 p.m.

Following will represent Club: V. M. Benwell (Goal); A. E. P. Guest and R. G. K. Thompson; D. McLellan, W. A. Reed and N. B. Whitley; S. A. Fowler; T. S. D. Whitley; E. Fowler; E. I. Blackford and Capt. P. Patterson.

In the Navy Cup polo competition yesterday, Baskets represented by Wilson, Bompas, Chattoe and Atkinson beat Angels, Morgan, Lewis, Hunt and Marwick, 10-4. Seven of the goals were scored by Wilson, Chattoe, Morgan, and Sidler for the Corps who led 2-0.

New Golf Champion's Bad Luck At The 13th Tee Shot Out Of Bounds And Takes Seven

ALEC PEARCE'S golf triumph on Sunday—he won the Colony Championship by one stroke from O. E. C. Marton, four times winner—was indeed a popular one, and the fact that his two sons—John, who has a similar swing to that of Alec, tied for fourth place—were in the first five must have been a source of great satisfaction to "Tam", who was a brilliant all-rounder in his youth.

ALEC'S morning round of 80 bowls for Club, is undoubtedly Hong Kong's leading all-rounder.

He has played golf for Hong Kong against Manila twice, in 1933, and twice against Shanghai, in 1933 and 1934.

ROSE'S BAD LUCK

O. E. C. MARTON, the favourite, did very well indeed when bearing in mind that he has had little practice during the past four months, but he was fortunate that high scoring was the order of the day—J. T. Smith won last year with 147—in spite of conditions being perfect.

Dick Collings is to be congratulated on securing fourth place. It is some time back that a visitor secured such a high place in the list.

Col. Rose, who had a 78 on the Old Course in the afternoon, lost two strokes as the result of a lost ball following what appeared to be a beautiful long shot to the edge of the green. His score of 91 on the New Course, at least three strokes easier than the Old, however, ruled him out, though he won the best round prize on the Old Course.

Following are additional scores to those already published:

A. L. Eastman	96	81	177
E. P. Fincher	95	83	178
W. C. Simpson	97	84	181
E. J. M. Churn	93	89	182
E. J. R. Mitchell	97	88	185

PICTURE GOAL

THE First Division football match between South China and Sing Tao, who had a large number of South China's players of last season in their team, failed to provide the keen rivalry expected. It was not unlike a club trial prior to the opening of a season, and almost everyone seemed very pleased with one another. This is all to the good, but it gave to the game a sense of unreality.

Lee Wai-tong took no chances with his injured knee after being brought down heavily in the first 20 minutes, and South China's attack was badly handicapped as a result. For all that, however, their second goal was a perfect one. Lee kicked-off after the interval, tapping the ball to Lau Chung-sang, who transferred forward to Lee Tak-kee, who passed forward to Lau and positioned himself for the inevitable return pass, which he converted in effortless style. Not one Sing Tao player touched the ball, and Lee Wai-tong was standing in the middle of the field watching this brilliant exhibition of ball control.

FINE FULL BACK

SING TAO are not an unbeatable combination. Even with Lai Shui-wing in Chui Ah-fai's place at inside-left their forward line is not as deadly as that of South China, and an accurate kicking and hard-tackling defence will hold them up, as Lee Kwok-wai clearly proved with a really outstanding performance.

Lam Tak-po, Lee Tak-kee, Hau Yung-sang, Soong Ling-sing and Kwoh Ying-kee, who was a rare opportunist, were the only others to play up to the high standard set by the leading Chinese teams.

TRACK CRACK DEAD

William Henry ("Sonny") Morton, Salford Harrier, and one of the most notable track figures of 50 years ago, has died at Ainsdale, aged 73.

Graduating with Birchfield Harriers, he went to Manchester in the 'eighties and set up a 20-miles record in 1890 at Stamford Bridge, returning 1hr. 52min. 51-1/5sec.

In an American tour he took all the long-distance races—five miles at Detroit, Chicago, Buffalo, Boston, Philadelphia, and New York.

LESLIE ADAMS RETIRES

Leslie Adams, the famous Rugby League International scrum-half, has retired from the game. Adams has the unique record of winning a Challenge Cup medal with three clubs—Leeds (1932), Huddersfield (1933), and Castleford (1936).

LARGEST FORWARD PASSES

THE RECENT DEATH OF THE FAMOUS INTERNATIONAL RUGBY PLAYER BRIG. H. C. HARRISON, THOUGH IT DID NOT HAPPEN IN ACTION, HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO PASS PRACTICALLY UNNOTICED, WRITES A. L. S. IN "THE DAILY SKETCH".

Time was when "Dreadnought," as he was known to everybody, was one of the best as well as most popular forwards playing. Had his era been during the last 10 years he would have been chosen without opposition for every England 15.

Brig. Harrison was the only man who played in representative Navy v. Army matches for both sides. As a Royal Marine on shore he was in the Army scrum, but when he was afloat they used to land him to put on a blue jersey.

The largest forward ever seen in any of our home union fifteen, "Dreador" played four times for England, in 1910 and 1914, which shows how difficult it was to get caps in those days.

Brig. H. C. Harrison had a multitude of friends during his brief stay in Hong Kong.

K.G.C. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

The Qualifying Round of the Junior Championship of Kowloon Golf Club will be played next Sunday. Post Entries will be accepted.

onto the sphere at right angles and dispatches it straight ahead along the line of flight.

Those golfers who hook, when they go all out on the power shots, might be making the same error which characterised Thomson's play. The cure is the same, let the right shoulder travel under the chin. If the action is too fast to give this point particular attention, try concentrating on follow-through, that will bring the hands high in the air. This will automatically make the right shoulder follow this path.

Next Article: — Weighted Putter.

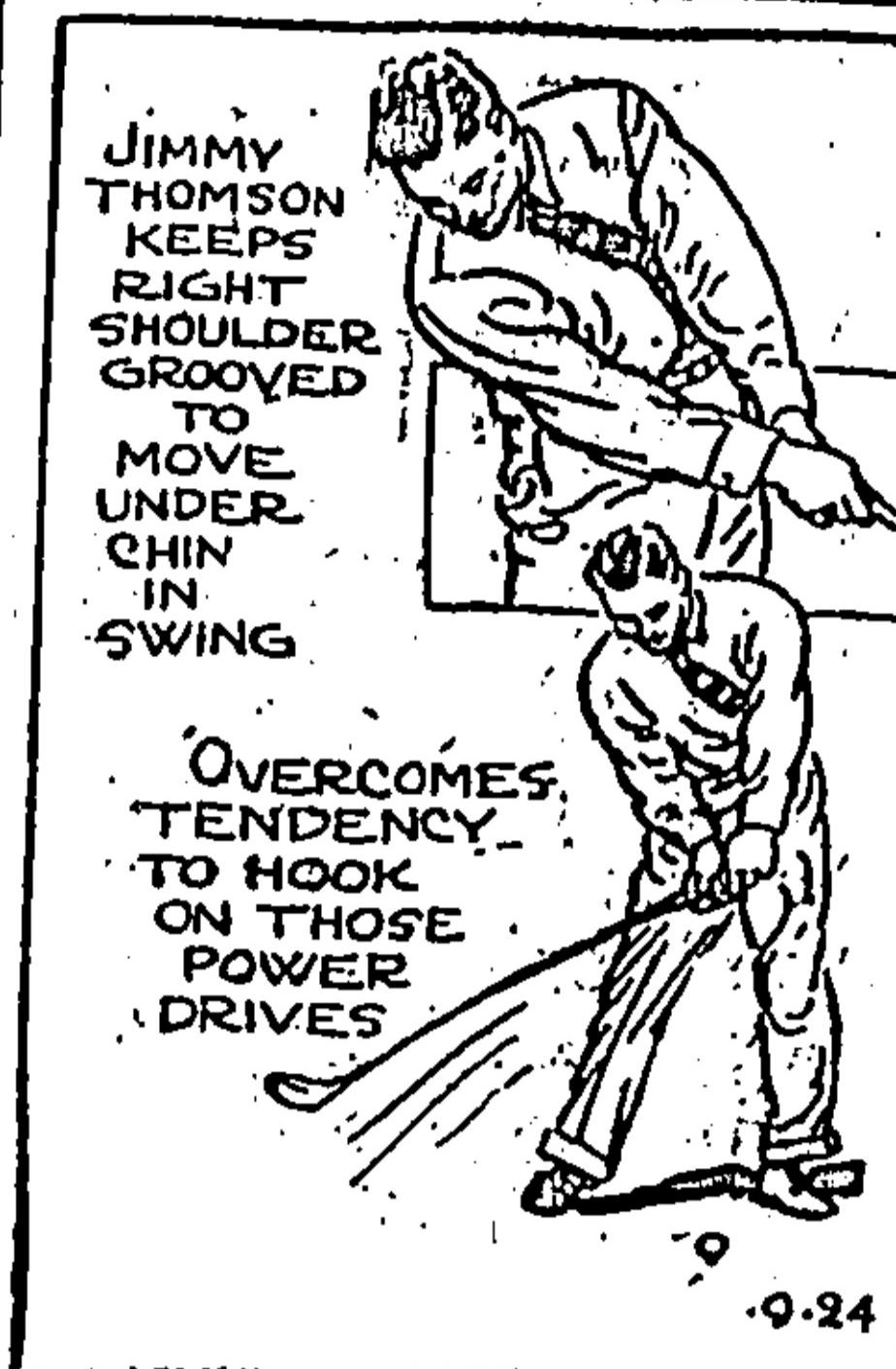
Although Ted Lyons has been bothered by chronic appendicitis for four or five years, Chicago White Sox pitcher refuses to undergo an operation.

The Kowloon Chess Club's senior and junior championships will commence this week, the former on Thursday and the latter to-day.

CLUB "A" FIFTEEN

Club "A" to meet Army "A" in the Rugby match at the Valley to-morrow, commencing at 5 p.m. sharp, is as follows: H. F. Hopkins; H. van Leeuwen, M. G. Cartwright, D. Hynes and P. B. Wilson; T. O. Morgan and F. J. C. Clemo; J. Moodie, W. Stoker, A. M. Kennedy; R. G. Gardner, C. F. Needham; J. M. Thomson, G. B. Godfrey and A. G. Dalziel. J. Redman will be the referee.

GRAPHIC GOLF



Curing A Hook

BY BEST BALL

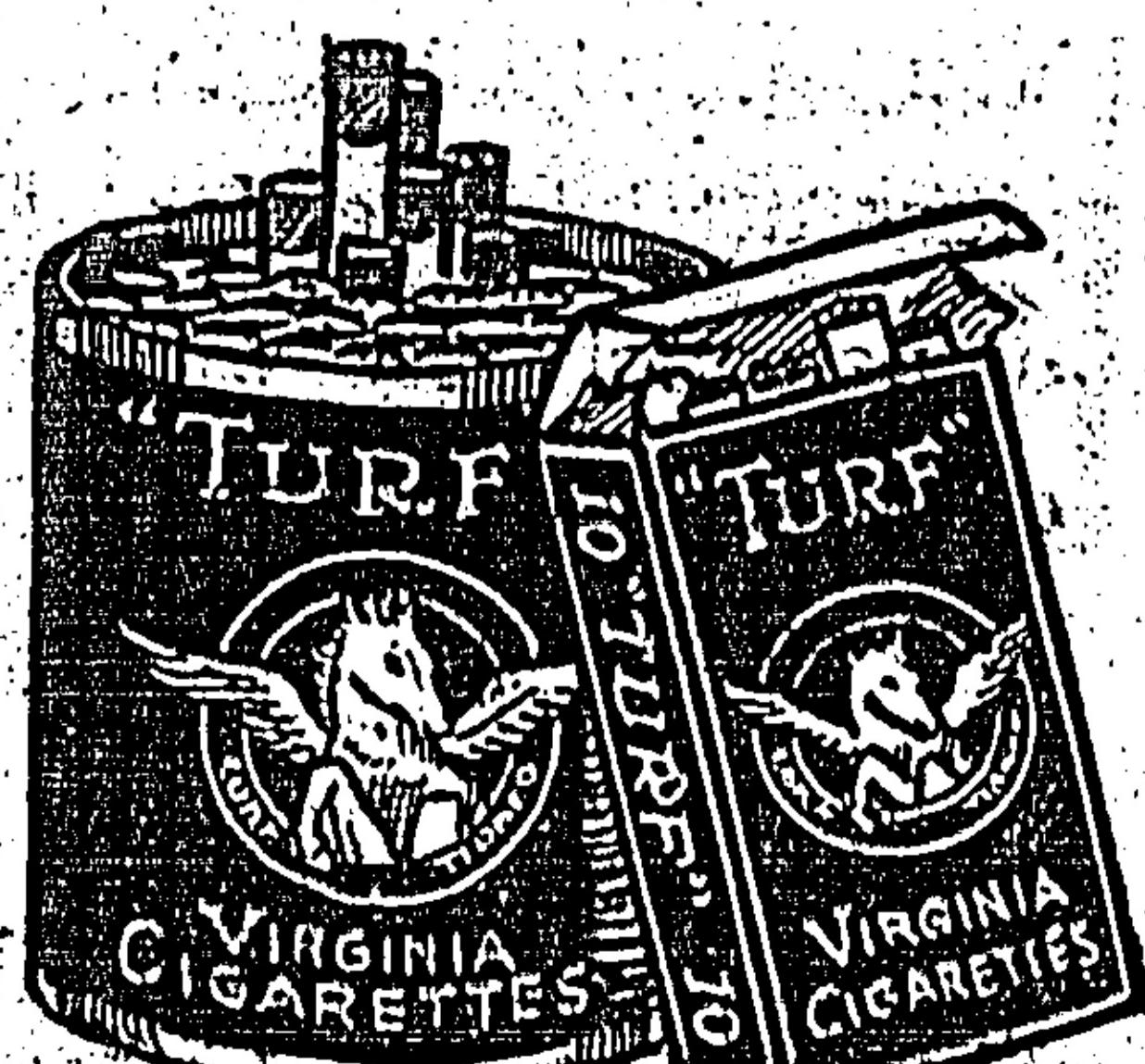
When one goes out for a little extra distance in his shots, he may without knowing it let his right shoulder come around after his left. The result is a hook as Jimmy Thomson, hard driving professional, found out through experience. He also found out through experience that if he made his right shoulder make a path under his chin as he came into the ball, the hook would go away. Such a manoeuvre brings the clubhead

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SKODA WORKS BOMBED

First R.A.F. Attack On Huge Arms Factory

Flares Light Way For Destruction

THE WORLD-FAMOUS Skoda armament works, at Pilsen, in Czechoslovakia, were successfully attacked by R.A.F. bombers during Sunday night, an Air Ministry announcement revealed in London yesterday.

The raid, which was the first R.A.F.-attack on this huge arms plant, ended in the early morning yesterday, the twenty-second anniversary of the founding of the Czechoslovakian State.

The Skoda works are one of the three biggest armament factories in the world, covering 400 acres, and employing 50,000 workers. It fell into Ger-

man hands at the time of the occupation in March, 1939.

When the British raiders were near the target after the 750-mile flight from the English coast visibility was so bad that they spent an hour searching for it before the great plant was seen silhouetted against the snow-covered ground.

Fierce fires and explosions followed the attacks, says the Air Ministry, and a pilot who made three separate runs, bombing by the light of flares dropped by other aircraft, reported that all his heavy bombs found their mark.

Incendiaries

These were quickly followed by incendiary bombs which set fire to damaged buildings.

This is one of the most ambitious bombing raids carried out by the R.A.F. who prepared for such long-distance flights with leaflet raids into Czechoslovakia and Austria in the early days of the war. — Reuter.

APING GOES ON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") A draft bill prohibiting French subjects from listening to B.B.C. broadcasts was presented by the Vice-Premier, Pierre Laval, when the French Council of Ministers met at Vichy yesterday. Penalties for infringement include the confiscation of radio sets.—Havas.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has decreased in intensity and remains stationary over Japan. A considerable increase of pressure has occurred over Manchuria.

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GREEKS CONFER WITH U.S.

After a conference with Mr. Cordell Hull, the U.S. Secretary of State, in Washington yesterday, the Greek Minister stated he had not presented formal notice that a state of war existed with Italy.

He said general views on the Greek situation were exchanged at the conference.—Reuter.

ALL H.K. WARDENS MOBILISED

All members of the Corps of Air Raid Wardens are to be mobilised as from 5 p.m. to-day, a proclamation to this effect being issued in a Government Gazette Extraordinary to-day.

The proclamation reads:

Whereas by section 11 of the Hong Kong Corps of Air Raid Wardens Ordinance, 1940, (Ordinance No. 6 of 1940) it is enacted that in case of apprehended or actual attack on the Colony the Governor by proclamation may call out for active service all or any members of the Corps;

And whereas it is also enacted by the aforesaid section that the period of such active service shall end only by proclamation of the Governor:

Now therefore I, Lieutenant-General Edward Felix Norton, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of Bath, Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, Military Cross, Officer Administering the Government of the Colony of Hong Kong and its Dependencies and Vice-Admiral of the same, deeming that such calling out is necessary and shall be continued for the present, DO by this proclamation CALL OUT for active service all the members of the Hong Kong Corps of Air Raid Wardens as from five o'clock p.m. on the 29th day of October, 1940, until my further order.

An official spokesman informs the "China Mail" that the calling out notice has no special significance, and is primarily in connection with the black-out.

For The Duration?

Later. The Corps of Air Raid Wardens mobilised this morning by proclamation will not be demobilised at the conclusion of the two-night black-out exercise. Mr. B. H. Puckle, D.S.O., Deputy Director of Air Raid Precautions, told the "China Mail" to-day.

Those not required for duty after the exercise will be granted leave without pay, but will be liable to be called on whenever necessary. A mobilised footing is to be maintained for the Corps possibly for the duration of the war.

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STOP PRESS

The death has occurred of Sir Herbert Wright, a prominent figure in the rubber industry.—Reuter.

Reuter's Sofia correspondent says that communications between Greece and Bulgaria have been severed since early yesterday morning.

Greek resistance to the Italian demands has surprised official Bulgarian quarters and Turkey's reactions to the invasion are eagerly awaited in Sofia.—Reuter.

An unconfirmed report reaching London states that the Italians have captured Knostur in Macedonia.—Reuter.

It is reliably learned, says Reuter, that German mechanised mobile units are feverishly establishing A.A. defences at Giurgiu, which is a vital oil pipeline head, and which is now completely blacked out at night. Elsewhere in Rumania, the Germans are actively preparing defences against an air attack on the oil regions and transport centres.—Reuter.

ITALY THREATENS FORCE!

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

"Any resistance by Greece against the advance of Italian troops will be crushed by force whatever the consequences of such action might be," says an official statement released in Rome yesterday.

The statement, in well-known Axis fashion, claims that Italian troops have invaded Greece "in order to defend the sovereignty and independence of that country which are threatened by the activities of Britain."

It further charges that Italy on numerous occasions warned Greece to maintain neutrality but Greece "collaborated intimately" with Britain.

"Greek neutrality had become a fiction. England's aim is always to try and draw more countries into the war," the statement concluded.—Havas.

It is authoritatively believed in Tokyo that Japan will not take immediate action in the Italo-Greek war though the Cabinet is examining Japan's obligations under the tripartite pact at the regular meeting to-day. Greece's involvement in the war was entirely unexpected in Tokyo and it is generally predicted that Japan will first consult her Axis partners on the extent of her obligations and the practical value of their fulfilment. The newspaper "Nichi Nichi," however, sees difficulties if Turkey comes in and notes that possible Soviet action is to be reckoned with.—Reuter.

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